King receives congratulations

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Tuesday received cables from Arab and world leaders congratulating him on his 59th birthday and wishing him continued good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prosperity. The cables came from Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, President Islam Karmov of Uzbekistan, President Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan, President of Ecuador Sixto Duran Ballen. The King also received cables from Prince Charles of Britain, and head of the Greek Orthodox church in Jerusalem Patriorch Deodoros I. To mark the occasion, the Greater Patriarch Deodoros I. To mark the occasion, the Greater Amman Education Department held a major celebration, including speeches, songs, debkas and poems. The celebration was attended by Minister of Education Abdul Raonf Al Rawabdeh, the ministry's secretaries general and education department heads.

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King: Jordan has won peace with honour

His Majesty, in address to the nation, warns against using false interpretations of Islam and use of mosques for 'intellectual terrorism' Jordan always stood by Arabs but found itself receiving negativism

Israel has returned Kingdom's water rights, rest will be negotiated with others Jordan will not allow itself to be used as springboard for attacks against Israel

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein said Tuesday Jordan had won the battle for peace with honour and that he would not tolerate opponents of peace who base their arguments on their interpretations of the Islamic faith and mosques being used for political purposes.

In a nationwide speech, the first in several months, the King said Jordan had entered a new era where it would consolidate its gains in the fields of human rights, social justice, pluralism and equal-

Without naming anyone, the King also assailed Arabs for leaving Jordan at "the receiving end of their negative attitude, their lack of clarity, their waste of opportunities, their reliance on unbridled emotion, their superficial approach to the future and our nation's destiny..." The King, in the hardhitting speech, defended Jordan's position on the issue of Jerusalem, a role, he said,

"recognised even by those who fought against us... but one denied by the ungrateful.

Reaffirming Jordan's commitment to helping the Palestinians regain their rights, the King said the Kingdom would continue to perform its role as the custodian of the holy places in Jerusalem "until a final and comprehensive peace is achieved."

He reaffirmed that Jordan's role in Jerusalem was not in any way "any diminution of the rights of the Palestinians to Jerusalem. On the contrary, it will bolster the peace of believers in God and will serve to guarantee a continuation of this peace." "We stand by the Palesti-

nians in their attempt to achieve their rights on their national soil along the path they have chosen," he said. The King said Jordan was a

victim of "selectivity and distortion... that blemished some of the purest images of the struggle of the Jordanian and Palestinian people, namely the decision to unify the two banks of the River

Jordan in 1950."

The King recalled that as far back as 1965, 23 years before Jordan severed legal and administrative links with the West Bank and nine years before the Arab summit in Rabat where the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) was designated as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, he had made it clear that the Kingdom was ready to hand over the responsibility for the Palestinians to the PLO.

The King was referring to an address he made to the first meeting of the Palestine National Council in Jerusalem. He told the meeting that if the Arabs and Palestinians felt that Jordan "does not have the legitimacy of speaking in the name of the Palestinians who live its midst, who carry its citizenship and who have become part of its institutions, or of defending the rights of this people... and if they deem this legitimate aspect to be restricted to the PLO,

then... I place on their shoul-



of their decision and all the consequences it entail. I consider it to be a release of our current political responsibi-

The King, the longestreigning Arab monarch who turned 59 on Monday, said the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty had restored only part of the Kingdom's water rights from "one of the parties concerned with the water issue." "Jordan will strive, in the context of comprehensive peace, to regain its water

rights in full," said the King, their religion and their life here on earth," added the in an implicit reference to Syria, an upstream neighbour Monarch. along the River Yarmouk.

of the peace treaty, the King said that while Jordan was committed to respecting the freedom of opinion such freedom should not exceed unacceptable limits. "It is unreasonable and unacceptable to go to exaggerated lengths in the name of freedom of opinion, of exercising intellectual terrorism, over the people as a whole and denying the right of the majority as a whole to take a decision, which, at the end of the day, everybody must re-

Lashing out at opponents

"Islam cannot be against peace, it cannot side with darkness against light, or with death against life," said the King, vowing that the pulpits of mosques "may not after today serve as places for irresponsible expression in the name of Islam."

"Islam does not condone" the expropriation of the people's right to hear from these pulpits all that is good about own national interests but

The King said "intellectual terrorism" also meant "misrepresenting religion, faith and righteousness, of tending to deny the rights of others to life or to pass over their suffering, or not to realise that our nations have their own orphans and widows." King Hussein, noting that Jordan and Israel were in the

process of planning Israeli withdrawal from Jordanian land and removing the wirefences and mining towards the complete restoration of Jordan's rights and sovereignty, said the Kingdom's security forces had the responsibility "of keeping this peace and rising up to its requirements in letter and spirit, not permitting our lands to be in any way a springboard or any area of action for any party opposed

- The King said Jordan remained always committed to pan-Arab principles and position even at the expense of its found itself "surrounded by manifestations of ingrati-

The King said no one could claim "they had given more than" Jordan did. "As God is our witness, we never did anything for the purpose of any gain, nor did we seek recompense, because even as we fended off the hunger threatening our children and bade farewell to our martyrs, we sought nothing but God's favour and the unity of our nation."

The King said Jordan always held aloft its principled approach to Arab causes 'even when confusion and the media, to a world capable of weaving a civilisation that would transcend the wounds of the past, understand the present, anticipate the future and enable peoples to participate fully exercise their free will."

The new era of peace in the Middle East, the King said, warranted comprehensive reform to the minutest detail to prepare Jordan to face the requirements of the new phase ".... a most difficult battle in which those who are capable of patience, construction and learning will prove themselves in this

See page 7 for full text of King's speech

reigned over the most knowledgeable among as to the distinction between oil and blood, between revolution and rebellion, between faith and denial of faith."

Jordan did so and sought to end the Arabs' "cultural

"operational, has not yet co-

vered the biological area, he

SCOM with a complete in-

ventory of its microbiology-

related facilities to enable ex-

perts to verify that Baghdad

Iraq must supply UN-

Outlining a new system of Hashemite succession, the King said His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan will succeed him and "after us the grandchildren of Al Hussein Ben Ali shall select from among them and express fealisolation and the state of ity to whomever they deem chaos engulfing both politics most fit to carry the torch..."

Spanish royal couple in Riyadh

RIYADH (Agencies) -King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain flew in Tuesday on a two-day visit expected to include a meeting with King Fahd. · They were welcomed on

arrival from Jordan by Crown Prince Abdullah. Their entourage included Spanish Foreign Minister favier Solana and six other

Ifficials.

· King Juan Carlos and Jucen Sofia flew to Saudi trabia after a two-day priate visit to Aqaba. They were seen off by heir Majesties King Hussein nd Queen Noor and memers of the royal family.

Clinton defends slam

'KARTA (AFP) — U.S. resident Bill Clinton on uesday bailed predominant-Muslim Indonesia's record r religious tolerance and aied a new appeal for the est not to associate Islam th "terrorism." Mr. Clinn was asked after an Asiacific summit why, as a ristian, he had chosen to it the Istiqual Mosque in carta on Monday. He reed that he wanted to view : impressive structure himf, but also because "Innesia is a predominantly islim country that has a v vibrant, Catholic, Protant, Buddhist, Hindu itage with active religions ill those areas." Mr. Clin-., reiterating remarks that made in Jordan at the ning of the Israel-Jordan ice accord, said that "even ugh we have had probis with terrorism coming of the Middle East it is : inherently related to im, not to the religion, not the culture." "The tradi-1 of Islam in Indonesia, I 1k, makes that point very phically," he said. "It's terica need to know, it's nething people in the st, throughout the West, d to know."

ders along the responsibility Jordan, Israel discuss pullout, clearing mines

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan and Israel discussed Tuesday arrangements for an Israeli withdrawal from Jordanian territories and the removal of mines and other obstacles along their common border.

Brigadier General Tahsin Shurdum who headed the Jordanian team to the session at a Dead Sea hotel, said that the talks will resume Nov. 23. He said the main work at this stage was the removal of barbed wire and clearing the

border area of land mines, which, he noted, would take three months to complete. These steps require intense work by the joint committee which involves military per-

added. Major General Uzi Dayan is the head of the Israeli side to the meeting.

Gen. Shurdum noted also that the same committee would also shortly meet to delineate the Red Sea naval

borders between Israel and

He said that the Israeli side showed full understanding and cooperation in the implementation of the two articles of the treaty.

"We discussed the modalities of removing barbed wires and cleaning the minefields as well as redelineating borders as stipulated in the peace treaty," Gen. Shurdum said.

He said both parties had "charted general guidelines and laid down a timetable to implement the committee's task on the ground during the At a later stage, Jordan

sonnel on both sides, he and Israel would demarcate the limits of their territorial Gen. Shurdum added.

waters with floating objects, as agreed in the peace treaty. Meanwhile, the head of the Jordanian delegation to the multilateral phase of the

issues. Dr. Munther Haddadin, returned from a working group meeting in Athens and said that the discussions were

successful. The participants agreed on the need to pursue studies on water resources in the Middle East region and to determine the amount of water deficit and projects to meet them, Dr. Haddadin said.

The participants also agreed on the establishment of a water data bank to provide the concerned parties with information related to water and approval of a study financed by Norway concerning laws governing management of water resources, he

The working group approved a programme for training personnel fom the Middle East region on water sector issues to be carried out in France, Austria, Germany and the United States.

Iraq agrees to give missing data We had an honest exchange Iraq has promised to give

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — United Nations arms inspectors the data they need to complete their information on Baghdad's past weapons programmes, a senior U.N.

official said Tuesday. Charles Duelfer, deputy executive chairman of the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) on Iraq, said the promise was made by General Amer Rasheed, head of Iraq's Military Industrialisa-

tion Commission. "The promised improved efforts in this direction ... to apply more vigour in efforts," Mr. Duelfer told

Mr. Duelfer arrived in Baghdad on Monday to press Iraq over what he described as "significant gaps" in information on past weapons programmes, particularly biological warfare.

He met Gen. Rasheed on Monday night and they expect to talk again before he left Baghdad on Thursday.

of the technical issues and their importance." Mr. Duel-

Mr. Duelfer's mission is to account for and dismantle Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, including its nuclear, chemical and biological arsenal, under the terms of

Baghdad last Thursday recognised Kuwait, which it invaded in 1990, as an independent state, another key U.N.

But in New York on Monday night, the U.N. Security Council voted to maintain sanctions, which bar the export of Iraqi oil (see page 2). Mr. Duelfer said Iraq's supplying of missing data would help UNSCOM have a

Otherwise "it will delay a favourable report by the commission to the Security. Council." he said. The U.N.'s long-term monitoring programme,

complete picture of past

will not experiment with biological agents for warfare the 1991 Gulf war ceasefire. purposes again, Mr. Duefler "We have little substantia-

> tion to verify the programme." he said. Iraq meanwhile accused the United States and Britain of trying to carve it up and control its oil wealth by prolonging crippling economic sanctions.

> "Both countries want to see Iraq dismembered." the official Baghdad Observer said in an article after the U.N. Security Council in New York decided to renew sanctions.

> The two want Iraq to "abandon its sovereignty and territorial integrity and eventually let the American and British colonise Iraq and con-

trol its oil wealth," said the Information Ministry newspaper. The 15-member council met in informal session after Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz handed over documents on Irag's official recognition of Kuwait to Madeleine Albright, the council's current president.

The council, which reviews the sanctions every two months, urged Baghdad to meet the demands of the U.N. weapons disarmament commission, free Kuwaiti prisoners of war, return Kuwaiti assets and satisfy U.N. demands on human rights.

Mr. Aziz expressed hope that the council would act "in a positive manner to this important step on the side of Iraq," arguing that his government had now fulfilled the conditions for lifting the sanctions regime.

The question of Iraq's recognition of Kuwait was taken

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APEC summit clinches 21st century free trade deal

peace process on water

BOGOR, Indonesia (Agencies) — Leaders of the Asia-Pacific region on Tuesday agreed to create the world's biggest free trade area by the year 2020.

At a five-and-a-half hour of Bogor, 60 kilometres from Jakarta, members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum said their economies — responsible for half the globe's commerce — would show the world the way to a free trade

"Our goal is an ambitious one. But we are determined to demonstrate APEC's leadership in fostering further global trade and investment liberalisation," their Bogor declaration said. "It will start our concerted

liberalisation process from nething our people in | the very date of this state-APEC comprises Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile,

China, Hong Kong, Indone-

sia, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and the United States.

"This agreement is good news for the countries of this region and especially good news for the United States and its workers," U.S. President Bill Clinton told a news conference. U.S. products and services will become more competi-

tive abroad as a result of freer trade arrangements in Asia, Mr. Clinton said at the conclusion of the meeting. The timetable to end trade barriers among 18 Pacific Rim nations calls for only the biggest industrial economies

to drop trade barriers by

2010. Most of the rest of the

region would get another 10 years, until 2020. Mr. Clinton touted the accord as a natural outgrowth of the initial Asia-Pacific rim summit he organised a year

ago in Seattle, and said that the leaders would now work on a "detailed action agenda" for a follow-through summit next year in Osaka,

He hailed the meeting as "historic" but said the greater challenge is in making the agreement workable. "If we adopt a blueprint (for lowering trade barriers), that is a very good sign.'

Most APEC leaders hailed the Bogor declaration as a watershed for the Asia-Pacific, but Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad alone frostily refused his

The declaration was even welcomed as "positive" by Chinese President Jiang Zemin, who had previously rejected the idea of a timetable, saying it could dangerously expose the vulnerable economies of developing countries to the full force of

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"It was a good meeting. which is now provisionally tourism to PNA Palestinians celebrate 6th year of independence declaration

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Palestinians celebrated the sixth anniversary of their declaration of independence on Tuesday, taking control of tourism in the West Bank at a ceremony in the birthplace of

The Bethlehem ceremony and a similar event in the town of Ramallah - during which Israel handed over authority in social welfare to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) — gave the Gaza-based Palestinian National Authority (PNA) a new foothold in the West

Yet Palestinians had several reasons to celebrate. Six years ago on Tuesday the Palestine National Council, meeting in Algiers, declared an independent Palestinian state in the West

Bank and Gaza. This year the

PNA declared it Palestine independence day.

"What was once a dream has today become a reality. We are in our homeland. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, head of the PNA, told a crowd of 7,000 celebrants in the Gaza Strip handed over by Israel in May.

He appealed to Islamic groups opposed to his 1993 peace deal with Israel, urging them to unite in building a homeland. Mr. Arafat said Islamic

militants were using poverty to gain influence and warned that the peace process could collapse if donor nations do not make good on aid pledges. Mr. Arafat said that less

than \$40 million, only six per cent of the funds, have come (Continued on page 7)

Israel hands over Rabin visits settlers to reassure them

GAZA (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Tuesday visited the scene of a Palestinian suicide bombing last week and assured Israelis in the Gaza Strip that their settlements would stay put.

"No settlements will be dismantled during the interim phase" of Palestinian selfrule, ahead of negotiations on a final settlement, he said during a tour of army units protecting the Jewish commanities on the autonomous

Mr. Rabin visited the Gush Katif block of settlements and the army post near the Netzarim settlement, where a suicide bomber killed himself along with three Israeli soldiers last Friday.

The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) was not doing enough to prevent attacks by opponents of the autonomy deal with Israel, he told reporters, calling for "more serious efforts to combat terrorism."

A settlers' leader welcomed Mr. Rabin's visit.

saying it was the first time the prime minister had come to meet the Jews living in Gaza since Palestinian self-rule was launched in May.

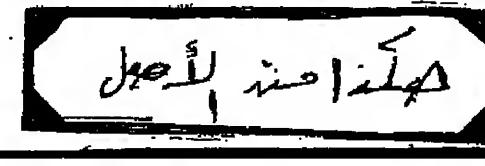
"He proposed solutions for our security and I hope he will not give way to extreme left-wing ministers who want us to leave," said Zvi Hendel, head of the council of Gaza settlements.

Mr. Rabin, who also serves as defence minister, was accompanied on the Gaza visit by the army's chief-ofstaff, General Ehud Barak, and the new commander for the region, General Shaul Mofaz.

The army earlier blocked off one of the main roads in the autonomous territory to allow settlers to pray at the scene of the bombing carried out by a member of Islamic Jihad, Palestinian sources

Hundreds of Palestinian drivers were stuck when the army blocked off the road

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U.S. on offensive in public relations on Iraq sanctions

dent and his family continued

to enjoy an uninterrupted

supply of cigarettes, liquor.

ice cream and other imported

The sanctions "have not

prevented Saddam Hussein

from spending at least half a

billion dollars on building

literally dozens of opulent

new palaces for the exclusive

use of his family," she said.

graphs showed that "these

buildings are no farm houses

or little cottages "but on a

scale" that is a great deal

to anything else."

closer to Versailles than it is

Ms. Albright noted Iraq

had declined to take advan-

tage of long-standing Security

Council resolutions enabling

it to sell \$1.6 billion worth of

oil to provide money for

food, medicines and other

such an arrangement, involv-

ing the strict monitoring of oil

contracts and humanitarian

goods, as an infringement on

At issue is a 1991 Gulf war

Resolution 687 setting down

requirements for Iraq —

scrapping weapons of mass

destruction, recognising

Kuwait, accounting for all

Kuwaiti prisoners and prop-

erty, among others. The Un-

ited States insists that all de-

mands, including those in

other resolutions, must be

met before the oil embargo is

But Resolution 687 ties lift-

ing the oil embargo to com-

pletion of the disarmament

process only while all other

demands relate to import of

Diplomats on the council

did not say whether their

decision to extend the oil

embargo and other sanctions

was affected by the reports of

spending on luxury goods and

U.S. claims about lavish

spending on palace construc-

that Iraq had met the condi-

tions for lifting sanctions by

recognising the new U.N.-

"The council has imposed

sanctions on Iraq for certain

reasons and those reasons do

not exist anymore," Mr. Aziz

showed the tension between

Mr. Aziz and Ms. Albright,

who previously refused to

meet with him. They met

president of the Security

Council, which is reviewing

Ms. Albright wore a snake-

shaped brooch to the meet-

ing, making light of Iraqi

newspaper accounts compar-

ing her to a snake, a U.S.

The brevity of the meeting

drawn Kuwaiti border.

said afterwards.

the sanctions.

official said.

Mr. Aziz rejected the

"That's rubbish," Mr. Aziz

goods to Iraq.

Baghdad says it regards

humanitarian supplies.

its sovereignty.

eased.

Mr. Hannay said photo-

-- .- UNITED NATIONS (Agencies) -The United States introduced President Saddam Hussein's "pleasure palaces" into discussions on Iraqi sanctions on Monday in an attempt to · quash concern for hardships · endured by ordinary Iraqis -- because of the four-year-old · · · · U.N. embargoes.

U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright made · · alleged lavish spending by President Saddam the main · · · issue in Security Council dis-- cussions on Iraqi sanctions. showing satellite photographs of palaces and luxury homes - being built for Iraq's elite she said cost \$500 million.

"Living standards for most Iraqis have fallen but not for Saddam Hussein and his family." she said.

Dismayed at the U.S. pub-· lic relations offensive, Rus-- sia's Ambassador Sergei Lavrov said: "Building palaces was not described in any Security Council resolutions in relation to sanctions introduced in Iraq.'

"Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz presented Albright, the current council president, with documents showing Iraq had recognised Kuwait as an independent country within borders specified by the United Nations last year.

The long-awaited move enacted in Baghdad on Thursday and engineered by Russia, was greeted positively by most council members during their regular 60-day review of sanctions imposed on Iraq after it invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Sanctions, however, remained in place. The key requirements towards easing the oil embargo — making . sure Iraq does not reacquire _weapons of mass destruction — is not yet completed.

British Ambassador sir David Hannay said there was no dissent in the council ab-:- out retaining the sanctions 1-but there was a "very broad .. welcome" on Iraq's recogni-1-tion of Kuwait.

Recognition of Kuwait's . borders was considered central by all 15 council members as closing a chapter in Iraq's . - contention that Kuwait was its 19th province and there-- fore justifying the August 11990 invasion of the emirate.

Ms. Albright will acknowledge the recognition in writing and the council was expected to adopt a statement . , on Tuesday welcoming the decision as "a necessary and · significant step towards the restoration of peace and stability in the region," according to an early draft.

- The statement also says the · council anticipates Iraq's "complete compliance with · all its relevant resolutions." Mr. Aziz, for his part, said he expected the council to - move towards lifting sanc-- tions as only political reasons

prevented it towards doing

He told reporters he wanted "the council to honour its own resolutions, resolutions containing obligations on the side of Iraq, and they contain also obligations on the part of the council."

Ms. Albright, during her address to the council distributed to reporters said presi-

Iraq ready to provide data

(Continued from page 1) up at a separate council meeting later in the day, but no décision was reached on how to respond. the Security Council president said.

Russia and France have argued that the oil embargo on Iraq should be lifted after a six-month testing period of a U.N. monitoring system to ensure Baghdad's long-term disarmament.

Armenian Orthodox Church Tci.

explains Jordan's stand

AMMAN (Petra) — Upper House of Parliament speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi said His Majesty King Hussein has all through the stages of the Arab-Israeli conflict endeavoured to achieve a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the region to give its peoples the chance to live a dignified life. At a meeting with a visit-

ing Belgian parliamentary delegation (see photo), Mr. Lawzi said the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty was the fruit of streneous efforts exerted by the King to establish a permanent peace in the Middle East. He said the Jordanian and Belgian parliaments

share all human rights

values and principles of

democracy within a context

He stressed the need to remove social and economic differences among the

to reduce conflicts and urged the international community to help in resolving the Palestinian

peoples of the Middle East



of equality among all

question and to help the Palestinian people regain their rights in the occupied Palestinian territories, including Jerusalem.

France keen on Saudi cooperation —King Fahd

DUBAI (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia said on Monday France wanted Saudi cooperation on the situation of Muslims there, Saudi Information Minister Ali Al Shaer was quoted by the Saudi press agency as saying.

Speaking after a weekly cabinet meeting, Mr. Shaer quoted the king as saying that French Interior Minister Charles Pasqua told him the French government was "keen to cooperate with Saudi Arabia on the situation of Muslims in France and of the French government's desire to organise Muslim groups there.

Mr. Pasqua left Saudi Arabia on Sunday night after a

Mr. Pasqua told a news conference in Riyadh before leaving the kingdom that he discussed with the king the situation of Muslims in

three-day official visit.

Mr. Pasqua told the king France wanted Muslims "to practice their rites freely with regard to French laws" and without exploitation of religion for political ends, Mr. Shaer added. The king said he told Mr.

Pasqua that Saudi Arabia was "in its turn keen that when Muslims settle in a foreign country they should take into consideration the laws of that country."

The French government's

decision to prohibit Muslim girls from wearing Islamic headscarves in secular state schools has angered many Muslims.

France was also cracking down on suspected Muslim militants.

Mr. Pasqua signed a memorandum of understanding with Saudi Interior Minister Prince Nayef Ben Abdul Aziz to upgrade border security and said it did not include arms sales.

Mr. Shaer said the king praised remarks by Saudi Arabia's top cleric in which he urged. Muslims to ignore publications issued by a militant opposition group.

The king referred to "the valuable advice and sound directives from our esteemed ulemas (clerics)... drawing Muslims' attention to practices by some pretenders which are contrary to the teachings of the religion.

The king said: "It is our duty to be aware of all the words and deeds contrary to the Islamic belief."

The Saudi Interior Ministry said in September it had arrested dozens of people in connection with attempts to sow dissent and chaos. It said in mid-October that out of 157 detainees, 130 were released and another 27 were still under investigation.

Rabin, Netanyahu and Gore to address Jewish meeting

DENVER (AP) — The Mideast peace process will be the focus of debate at North America's largest annual gathering of Jewish leaders taking place this week in De-

Israeli Prime Minister Yitsaid. "We have not only built zhak Rabin, opposition leadpalaces, we have built er Benjamin Netanyahu and bridges, we've built hospitals Vice President Al Gore are and refineries and power stascheduled to address the tions that were bombed dur-General Assembly of the ing the war." Council of Jewish Federa-Ms. Albright also said

Iraq had asked for huma-About 3,000 delegates, nitarian exemptions from the representing a broad cross-U.N. embargo to import fur section of Jewish leaders, arecoats, brass beds, marble tilscheduled to vote on a noning, TVs and VCRs. binding resolution that would In a meeting with Ms. approve the Mideast peace Albright that lasted just two process and condemn "terminutes, Mr. Aziz argued

movement. "The resolution is expected to draw some opposi-

"Even though a majority of American Jewry today is in favour of the peace accords and is behind the Rabin government, there is a significant segment that is disturbed by the peace accords and regards them as potentially dangerous for the state of Israel," said Rabbi Stanley Wagner of Denver's BMH synagogue.

The assembly is an umbrella organisation for 189 North American federations that raise money for Jewish causes. Last year, the groups generated about \$750 million for assistance to the elderly,

education projects and aid for Israel.

The assembly officially opens Wednesday night and runs through Saturday at the Colorado convention centre.

Mr. Rabin is scheduled to speak Thursday evening, followed by Mr. Gore on Friday morning and Mr. Netanyahu, head of the right-wing opposition Likud Party, later

Other items on the assembly's agenda include Islamic fundamentalism, the Israeli economy, and relations between the United States and

Mr. Rabin is expected to push for stronger support of his government's efforts in making peace with the Palestine Liberation Organisation,

Jordan and Syria. George Gumbiner, a Denver spokesman for Americans for a Safe Israel, said his organisation plans to protest the peace process prior to

Mr. Rabin's speech by hold-

ing a memorial service for victims of Hamas. "This should not be a celebration." he said.

Lit is the first time in assembly history that an Israeli opposition party leader has been invited to speak. "The feeling was that we should hear both sides of the

story. That our delegates should hear all viewpoints and not just the viewpoints of the government," said Frank Strauss, a spokesman for the Council of Jewish Federations in New York.

Egypt seeks place between Maghreb, Fertile Crescent

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt, seeking to join the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), wants to play a pivotal role between North Africa and the Middle East in order to avoid political isolation. Egyptian and Western diplomats say. Monday only because she is

rorism" by Hamas, a militant

"The country, the most important in the Arab World, is paradoxically in a very complex situation," commented one Western envoy.

"It is separated from the Fertile Crescent by the Sinai desert and from the Maghreb by the Libyan desert. It is in Africa but it (also) lies in

The Maghreb embraces North Africa, notably Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco. The Fertile Crescent refers to territory from the Eastern Mediterranean — Lebanon, Syria, Israel down to Iraq.

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Mediterranean overlooking Europe. It is part of all the blocks but it does not know to which it belongs," the diplomat added.

Egypt has officially requested status as an observer in the AMU, which groups Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia, and is weighing membership in the regional group, Nabil Fahmi, political consultant to Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa, -told AFP.

Mr. Musa, quoted Monday by the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram, said the Egyptian request would be examined during the next AMU summit, set to take place in Libya in April.

"Egypt's integration into the AMU will promote Egypt's role as a link between the Northern African countries and the Eastern Mediterranean," Mr. Fahmi "Egypt lies on the said.

"We are not immediately waiting for tangible results from our membership to the AMU. But there is an international tendency to form regional blocks and the coordination between Egypt and the AMU could bring good results for all of us," he

Mr. Fahmi said cooperation between Egypt and the AMU could include coordination in policies toward the European Union and the Middle East regional cooperation block launched during the Casablanca economic gathering in October.

According to another Egyptian diplomat, Hisham Yousef, Egypt's membership in the AMU "is a political message with economic implications. "It must establish an

equilibrium between development of the Fertile Crescent and the Maghreb,"

Mr. Yousef added, noting that the Middle East multilateral negotiations have until now focused on the promotion of economic projects between Israel and its Arab neighbours.

At the Casablanca meeting Egypt proposed 40 projects aimed at making the Sinai peninsula the link between the Nile Valley and the Eastern Mediterranean. But Mr. Yousef added:

"Egypt is not linked only to the Fertile Crescent and it must preserve its Arab characteristic.' The document, which will

be discussed at the next meeting of the Damascus Declaration countries - Egypt, Syria and the Gulf states - includes several proposals based on the principle of partenership rather than simply financial aid from the Gulf states, Mr. Yousef

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NEWS IN BRIEF

League says boycott of Israel to continue

CAIRO (AFP) — The Arab economic boycott of Israel will stay in place until Israel hands back occupied Syrian and Lebanese land and complies with U.N. resolutions, the secretary-general of the Arab League said Monday. "There will be no peace with Israel without the return of all occupied Syrian and Lebanese land and without Israel's implementation of the relevant (U.N.) Security Council resolutions," said Esmat Abdul Meguid, quoted by Egypt's Middle East News Agency. "The end of the Arab economic boycott and the establishment of a Middle East market is linked to reaching comprehensive peace." At the end of September the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), comprising Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman, eased its boycott without resorting to the Arab League. But the league maintains that it cannot lift the boycott unless two-thirds of its ministerial council, which meets twice annually, support the move. Dr. Abdul Meguid told AFP that Arab League experts would put forward a statute for an Arab court of justice by next September at the latest. The court, which will be similar to the International Court of Justice in the Hague, was put firmly on the league's agenda after Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Tunisia restricts entry from Libya

TUNIS (AFP) - Foreigners wanting to enter Tunisia from Libya must have a medical certificate saying they are not contaminated by plague, French travellers told AFP Monday. The travellers, who were turned back at the Ras Jedir border post Sunday, said only citizens of the Arab Maghreb Union countries — Tunisia, Libya, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania — could cross the border. Tunisian customs officials prevented other foreigners entering the country, citing cases of plague in Libya. The restriction followed the lifting of a Tunisian ban imposed Saturday on foreigners entering or leaving Libya via Ras Jedir. The travellers said 15 foreigners were stuck at Ras Jedir and 15 more between the Tunisian and Libyan border posts. Ras Jedir is the only official crossing point between the two countries. Libya is still under a U.N. air embargo imposed in April 1992 following the bombings of a Pan Am airliner in 1988 and a UTA airliner in 1989, in which Libyans were implicated. Observers here said the Tunisian restriction was retaliation for a Libyan requirement that Tunisian travellers carry cholera vaccination certificates: Libya announced on Oct. 30 that it had taken steps to prevent a cholera, epidemic spreading from other African countries, including Tunisia. Officials here denied the claim.

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Mubarak to start European tour Sunday

CAIRO (AFP) - Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will begin a tour of four European countries Sunday focusing on the Middle East peace process and bilateral relations, the semi-official Al Ahram newspaper reported. Mr. Mubarak will visit Britain first, then Italy, Romania and Poland. In Britain, Mr. Mubarak will discuss the Middle East situation with Prime Minister John Major, Egypt's Ambassador to London Mohammad Shaker was quoted as saying in Al Ahram's Tuesday edition. The talks would also cover economic cooperation, "with the aim of giving a strong boost to bilateral relations," Mr. Shaker said. Mr. Mubarak will also meet Queen Elizabeth II and British opposition leaders, the paper said. It did not give details of Mr. Mubarak's meetings in the other three countries.

. Concert celebrates hopes for Mideast peace

ALLENTOWN (AP) - Arab and Jewish musicians were among the featured performers during a tuneup concert for a similar multicultural event planned for next fall in the Middle East. More than 100 musicians and singers participated in Sunday's concert billed as "a celebration of hope" at Muhlenberg college. "I feel lucky to be a part of something that will be appreciated all over the world," said David Amram, who demonstrated several Middle-Eastern horns and drums and culminated his act by playing three flutes at the same time. "After living through the Mideast conflict, it is truly amazing to see the Arab and Jewish women standing side by side," said Joanna Cooper-Ryan, a Jerusalem native and co-producer of the concert planned for next fall. The plans are for the fall concert to be simulcast in Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinian autonomous area. The Middle East concert has been billed as the next "live aid" by Mitchell Productions, the company that produced the 1985 worldwide extravaganza for famine relief. Organisers said Sunday's event was spiritually uplifting but a financial failure, because of low attendance. "We didn't meet any of our financial goals," said peace-promoter Dixie Belcher, who had hoped to raise \$20,000 for children's projects in the Allentown area and provide funds for the Middle East concert. Mr. Belcher also organised a 1989 folk and rock concert in Anchorage, Alaska, which reunited Alaskan natives with Siberian relatives.

Turkish-Cypriots plan to issue own currency

ANKARA (AFP) — Breakaway northern Cyprus plans to issue its own currency, Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash said in a newspaper interview published here Monday. He told the daily Cumhuriyet that the selfdeclared Turkish republic of northern Cyprus, marks its 12th anniversary on Tuesday, would have its own currency along with the Turkish lira which it uses. But Mr. Denktash gave no details of when it would be issued or what the currency would be called. U.N. efforts are deadlocked to secure a bi-communal, bi-zonal federation on Cyprus, despite a series of meetings in late October between Denktash and President Glafkos Clerides, a Greek-Cypriot. Ankara alone recognises the TRNC, set up nine years after Turkish troops invaded the northern third of the island following a coup in Nicosia backed by the right-wing junta then ruling Greece.

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AMMAN (J.T.) - On the

occasion of His Majesty King

Hussein's birthday, Her

Majesty Queen Noor Tues-

day inaugurated the Jordan

Volunteers Team eleventh

Jordanian national camp for

handicapped children, a

Royal Court statement said.

Held in Aqaba and super-

vised by 50 volunteers, the

camp provides recreation for

mentally handicapped chil-

dren from throughout Jor-

Established in 1992 by a

Royal Highness Princess Bas-

ma Tuesday met at her office

with Norman Cook, director

general of the Canadian In-

ternational Development

Agency (CIDA), and briefed

him on the general program-

mes of the Queen Alia Fund

for Social Development

The Princess, who is hon-

ourary chairperson of QAF's Board of Trustees, also

briefed Dr. Cook on Jordan's

preparations for the Fourth

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister

of Agriculture Mansour Ben

Tarif Tuesday received a

chief executive of the Ger-

man Agency for Technical

Cooperation (GTZ). H.P.

Merz, who is currently on a

Mr. Ben Tarif and Dr.

Merz discussed scopes of

cooperation between Jordan and Germany and means of

enhancing ries between the

The minister briefed Dr.

Kingdom and GTZ.

five-day visit to Jordan.

dan, said the statement.

Her Majesty Queen Noor on Tuesday presents gifts to participants of a camp for handicapped

Queen inaugurates children's camp

group of University of Jordan

graduates, the Jordan Volun-

teers Team, said the state-

ment, works to provides ser-

vices for charitable centres

and socieites outside Amman

by holding educational and

recreational camps for hand-

rural societies to the needs of

handicapped children and

holds teacher training work-

shops in special education for

centres in underprivileged

areas of the Kingdom, it said.

Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Development Agency Director General

Tuesday receives Canadian International Norman Cook at her office (Petra photo)

World Conference on

Women scheduled for next

cials. CIDA plans to organise

and help ensure cooperation

between Canada's non-

governmental organisations

(NGOs) and those in the

Middle East region, particu-

the objectives of the Jorda-

nian National Committee for

Women (JNCW) and its

programmes to enable

Germany, Jordan review prospects

of agricultural sector development

The Princess also discussed

According to QAF offi-

QAF, CIDA discuss cooperation

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Merz on challenges facing the region as a result of recent developments, which, he

said, require more attention to the agricultural sector with the aim of developing the Jordanian economy.

He said Jordan was about to finalise new agricultural policies that take into consideration the new develop-

In addition, he lauded efforts exerted by the Ger-

man agency to support the agricultural sector in the Kingdom.

women to contribute to the

Princess Basma voiced

hope that CIDA and QAF

would step up their bilateral

cooperation and she express-

ed appreciation of the Cana-

dian government's assistance

governmental organisations.

he was impressed with QAF

activities, particularly those

directed to benefit women in

the rural regions.

For his part, Dr. Cook said

Jordan's non-

socio-economic development

in the country.

The two sides stressed at the meeting the importance of promoting cooperation and conducting studies on means of improving the status of farmers.

Dr. Merz arrived in Amman Saturday to participate in a roundtable conference on the human dimensions of the Middle East peace pro-

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILM

Video film entitled "Life in the Freezer" (part 2) at the British Council at 7:00 p.m.

CIRCASSIAN FOLKLORE

Show of Circassian folklore by Al Ahli Chib at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00

CONCERT

Concert: "La Camerata Nuove Choir And Orchestra" (augmented by The National Music Conservatory Choir and Orchestra) at the Philadelphia Hotel at 8:00 p.m

POETRY RECITAL

Poetry recital by Mohammad Al Qaisi at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art at 6:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

Ceramic exhibition by Najwa Annab at the Orfali Art Gallery.

☆ Ceramics exhibition by Sa'id Al 'Ani at the

Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art. ☆ Exhibition on human international law entitled "Drawings from Arab Calligra-

phy" at the Royal Cultural Centre. ☆ First Exhibition of Jordanian Engineering and Electric Products at the Amman International Exhibition hall, Marj Al Hamam.

☆ Exhibition of paintings by Daniel Argimon at the Instituto Cervantes (the Spanish Cultural Centre).

☆ Exhibit entitled "Signs and Symbols: Communication and Interpretation from the Brandywine Workshop" at the American Center.

Ceramics exhibition by Mahmond Taha at Darat Al Funun.

Police search for women in major fraud case

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Irbid police are searching for two women in their mid-forties, who on Tuesday defrauded a 45-yearold woman and her daughter of \$33,500, JD70 and jewellery worth more than JD2,500, according to Public Security Department (PSD)

reports. The report said that the victim, who was not identified, told police that two months ago, two women approached her home in Al Janoubi suburb in Irbid and called her 20-year-old daughter by name. The two women then told the daughter that they knew her name because they possessed supernatural powers, the report said.

The report said that the girl, who was also not identified, invited the two women into her house. The two women said to have performed magical acts, the report said.

Following a tour of the

camp, the statement said,

Queen Noor met the partici-

pating children and distri-

buted gifts to them. The chil-

dren performed folkloric

dances to celebrate the

by Princess Wijdan Ali, was

received by Prince Ra'ad Ben

Zeid, Sharifa Hind Nasser,

Prince Firas Ra'ad, the

team's supervisor. Sharifa

Nofa Bint Nasser, the team's

president, and other officials.

Queen Noor, accompanied

King's birthday.

According to the report. the two women claimed that they were from Morocco. One of them identified herself as "Um Mohammad," and the other one as "Fat-

The mother said that her daughter sugi gested that these two women cure her younger sister who was deaf and mute. The mother agreed, the report said.

The two women demanded JD1,000 and some jewellery from the victims in order to cure the youngster, and told the family that they will re-

turn the money the next day. The report said that the two women did return the money and jewellery the next day and asked the victims for

\$33,500 and more jewellery in order for the magic to

The two women told them that they would return the money after one week; but they never returned, the report said.

A PSD official told the Jordan Times Tuesday evening that the two women were still at large, but police have good descriptions of both. "This is the first time we

experience such an incident in that area, yet, we have good descriptions of both women, and hopefully we will arrest them soon," the official said. He called on citizens to

take extra precautions when dealing with people who claim that there are witch doctors, bealers or claim they have supernatural powers. Also in Irbid on Tuesday,

police questioned a doctor who treated an 11-year-old boy after he was bitten by a scorpion, in Abu Obeidah town. The boy died two days later, police reports said.

According to the report, the victim's father told police that on Nov. 13, his son, Mikhled Ahmad, was bitten by a scorpion. He said that he took his son to a doctor in town for treatment.

According to Mr. Ahmad, Mikhled was listed in good condition and left the doctor's clinic. The next day, the father said, his son died shortly after the glucose bag that was given to him by the same doctor had emptied.

The report said that Mikhled's body was transferred to Al Bashir Hospital for an autopsy. It did not release the name of the doctor and did not say if the doctor was apprehended.

HCST urges better use of dry, semi-arid areas

MAFRAQ (Petra) — The week, for the establishment head of the agriculture sector of the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST), Abdul Rahman Fataftah Tuesday said that desert areas, which constitute 84.3 per cent of Jordan's total area, are full of resources that can meet the requirements and demands of the development process if properly used.

In an address at the opening of a three-day workshop on the application of biotechnology in farming, Dr. Fataftah said the HCST was prompted to establish a comprehensive development and research programme to be carried out at several stages in the Jordanian desert upon directives by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, who is the HCST president.

Dr. Fataftah said that of the most important problems facing development in dry and semi-arid areas in the world is the increased demand for food, adding that the agricultural sector has a key role in achieving food security, which in turn constitutes the core of the agricultural policies and a means

to economic independence. He said the Jordanian desert development programme aims to achieve a lasting envisonmental development scheme and to contribute to improving the living conditions of residents in desert

Also, to achieve these objectives, according to Dr. Fataftah, Prince Hassan has called in August, at the second Jordanian science

of a centre specialised in desertification at Al al Bayt University to work in coordination with HCST's programme to fight the problem.

.. Dr. Fataftah said increasing agricultural production requires either horizontal or vertical expansion in production, noting that both ways require the utilisation of modern technologies.

Also utilising agricultural bio-technology applications will actively contribute to developing dry areas in Jordan after they were excluded from development plans for a long period, he said, adding that the use of bio-technology had led to finding plants resistant to the harsh conditions in the desert, such as the scarcity of water and water salinity.

In addition, genetic engineering has opened new doors for overcoming genetic problems, and its use can increase agricultural production, he said at the opening session to the workshop in which 30 researchers representing 13 Arab and foreign countries and participating.

These come from Jordan. the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Syria, Sudan, Iraq. Canada, Cyprus, Morocco, Egypt, India and the U.S. Other researchers at the workshop represent the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), the Islamic Network for Genetic Engineering and Bio-technology and the Arab Agriculural Development Organisation.

The IAF council also said

that council members elected

Khader Bani Khaled as assis-

tant to Mr. Majali to succeed

With the reshuffle, the

council thus comprises: Adnan Majali, chairman,

Abdul Aziz Jaber.

IAF shura council elects new head

AMMAN (J.T.) — The win a seat in the House. Shura Council of the Islamic Action Front (IAF) elected Adnan Al Majali as shura council chairman to succeed Abdul Majid Thuneibat who resigned the post after being elected as general observer of the Muslim Brotherhood movement, according to an IAF council statement Tues-

Mr. Majali was an IAF candidate in the 1993 parliamentary election in the Karak district, but failed to

Abdul Aziz Shreideh, deputy chairman, Khader Bani Khaled, assistant chairman, and Khaled Qudah, assistant chairman. The shura council acts as the IAF's parliament.

Rabin vows to ensure U.S. aid

(Continued from page 12) threatened because it "per-

fectly meets the strategic needs of both countries." Mr. Rabin is to hold talks

with President Clinton in the White House on Monday, and will also meet leaders of the Republican Party which has seized control of both houses of Congress.

The Israeli leader told his cabinet on Sunday that the United States would "become more conservative, more isolationist and less inclined to pay out foreign

He wants to make sure the aid is kept at the same level for the U.S. budget year beginning on Oct. 1, 1995.

Shmeisani pedestrian tunnel to formally open today

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - As part of celebrations marking His Majesty King Hussein's birthday, a ceremony is to be held today to formally inaugurate the tunnel at the Housing Bank Centre

The 30-metre-long tunnel cost the municipality JD 75,000, of which the Housing Bank donated JD 50,000. Work on the construction

of the tunnel started at the beginning of October and took less than a month to complete, said a municipality official, adding that this is the fifth pedestrian or traffic tunnel to be build by the Amman Municipality.

He told the Jordan Times that the eight-metre-wide and three-metre-high tunnel was essential at the busy commer-sing on heavily congested JD 120,000 to JD 140,000.

cial area where numerous road accidents had occurred.

Housing Bank Board chairman Zuheir Khouri will formally open the tunnel at a ceremony to be attended by senior municipality officials. said the representative.

Amman Mayor Mamdoub Al Abbadi voiced the municipality's appreciation to the Housing Bank for its donation, saying that the tunnel would facilitate pedestrians at this traffic-congested area of Amman.

Over the span of two years, Amman Municipality dug two tunnels in the area of the University of Jordan, another at the Independence Road and one at Yadoudeh to the south — all within the Greater Amman region in order to ensure safe pedestrian crosroads, according to the offi-

Other future tunnels, he said, include a JD 80.000 passageway in a congested area of Zarqa which is expected to be completed in 10 days. The 31-metre-long pedestrian tunnel, he added, was a gift from the Amman Municipality to Zarga resi-

Dr. Abbadi said the municipality was studying opening a tunnel in the Sweifieh region, connecting it with the Queen Alia Airport highway. He said the tunnel, which is to be used by vehicles, will

save motorists to trouble of having to drive to the Seventh Circle junction enroute to the airport.

The planned tunnel, he added, was expected to cost



LOOKING INTO HEALTH CARE: Her centres for girls, according to Dr. Hadid. Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Tuesday He added that costs for the project are tours the new extension of the Jordan covered by donations from citizens, National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) among them Mrs. Kawkab Mango, other hospital and is briefed on the work in donations from Japan, the American, progress on the extension by INRCS Japanese and German Red Cross President Mohammad Al Hadid. The new Societies, the U.S. mission in Geneva and extension is designed to increase the hos- the Japanese embassy in Amman. Prinpital's bed-capacity from 63 to 150, and to cess Sarvath stressed the need for speedinclude new sections, such as gynaecolo- ing up work on the project and thanked gy, intensive care and X-ray units, in the hospital management and the JNRCS addition to sewing and typing training for their achievements (Petra photo)

Visiting Turkish parliamentarian predicts advanced bilateral ties

AMMAN (Petra) — Visiting Turkish parliamentarian Bulent Ecevit Tuesday said that Turkish businesspersons would soon be coming to Jordan to seek joint investment projects with the Jorda-

nian business community. Noting that Turkish-Jordanian ties have always been strong, Mr. Ecevit said the Turkish government was seeking to advance bilateral relations in all fields especially as Jordan and Turkey are linked by historic, geographic and cultural ties. Mr. Ecevit, who was on a visit to Jordan to take part in the roundtable conference on the human

dimensions of Middle East

peace, said he believed that Jordan would enjoy further political stability and a stronger economy in the wake of the peace treaty, which, he said, augurs well for all the nations of the Middle East

The Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty. Mr. Ecevit said, was an essential step for the establishment of security and stability, paving the way for the region's prosperity.

Referring to the recent visit to the Palestinian selfrule areas by Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, Mr.

Ecevit said that it reaffirms

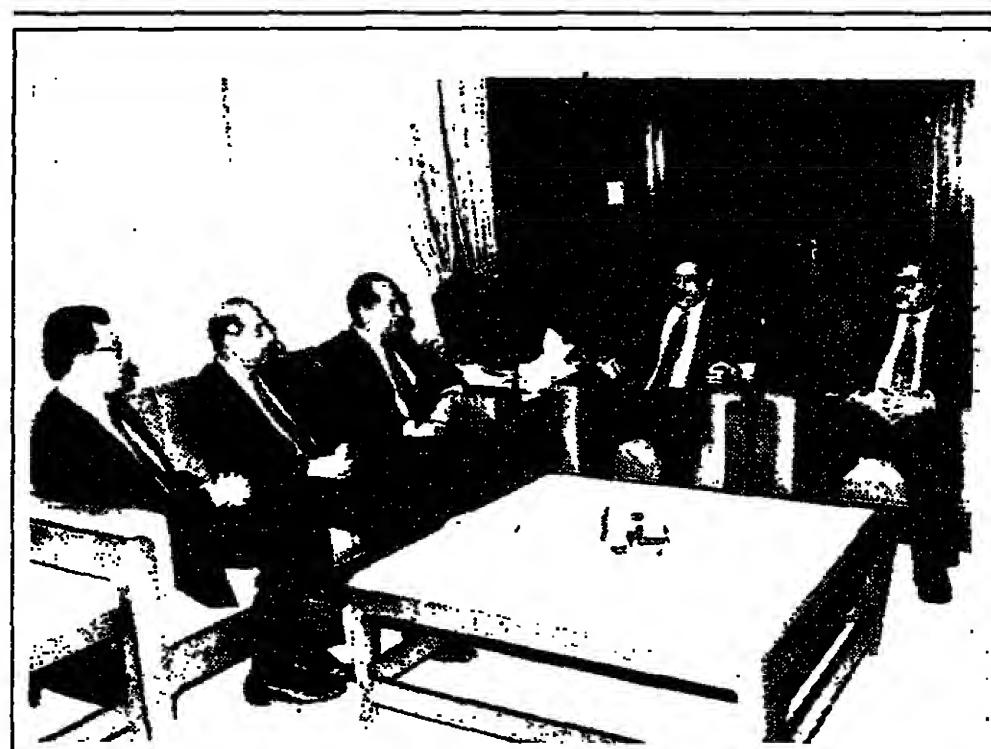
Turkey's intent to bolster its

ties with the Arab World in

general, and Jordan and Palestine in particular. He said Turkey was deeply

interested in backing economic development projects in the self-rule areas Asked to comment on the Republican party's success in

the elections for the United States Congress and its impact on future U.S. relations with the countries of the region, Mr. Ecevit said it was premature to predict the party's policies. But he expressed hope that the Republicans would help end the U.N. embargo on the Iraqi people and open the door for Iraq's return to the international community.



PRESS MATTERS: Lower House of Par- press coverage of events, and lauded the

liament Speaker Sa'd Hayel Srour relation between the legislative power and (second right) Tuesday reviews with Pres- the press. Mr. Qudah congratulated Mr. ident of the Jordan Press Association Srour on his election as the speaker of the (JPA) Suleiman Qudah (third left) and House, and voiced the JPA's interest in association board members the role of the advancing cooperation with Parliament. press in advancing the causes of the nation The JPA chief reviewed several press and press-related issues. Mr. Srour stres- concerns including the Press and Publicased the need for objective and accurate tions Law and the JPA law (Petra photo)

> Save water every drop counts...!

Chinese stop

going to movies,

BEIJING (R) — Fewer Chinese are going to the cine-

ma, finding more entertain-

ment in karaoke parlours and

at video halls, the official

media said. "As an actor I

feel that this is a terrible

pity," China's top actress,

Gong Li, star of such interna-

tionally acclaimed hits as

Farewell My Concubine and

To Live, said in an interview

carried by the Hubei Daily

News. Cinema ticket sales in

China have plunged from

29.3 billion in 1979 to just 9.5

billion last year and sales are

now falling at the rate of one

billion a year, the Xinhua

News Agency said. Audi-

ences were seeking entertain-

ment in new karaoke lounges

or watching videos in special

halls, Gong Li was quoted as

saying. Most popular videos

are violent action films or

illegal pornographic movies

that can be watched in com-

fortable semi-private rooms

holding between 20 and 50

people, one local film critic

said. "People don't want to

go to the movies and sit on

uncomfortable wooden seats

in a smelly cinema," she said.

Last year was among the

worst for the Chinese film

industry, with the number of

films plummeting by 50 per

cent and cinema incomes

dropping 35 per cent, Xinhua

said. The income from film

releases was down by 40 per

cent, it said, adding that

there was little prospect for

improvement. China needs to

produce more high quality

films and consider the tastes

of audiences and the de-

mands of the market if it is to

revitalise the industry,

Xinhua quoted film critic Li

NEW YORK (AP) — The

traffic violation — an illegal

U-turn — was routine stuff,

but when police pulled over

Leroy Linen, they soon disc-

overed he was no ordinary

motorist. It took nearly two

hours to print out his list of

traffic violations, which had

resulted in 633 license sus-

pensions in the last five years.

He was the city's most-

wanted driver. New York Ci-

ty's No. 1 scofflaw was

charged with aggravated un-

licensed operation of a vehi-

cle and driving without a

scrap-metal dealer was jailed

without bail. After a series of

fatal accidents involving un-

licensed drivers, state law-

makers last year made it a

felony to drive with 10 or

more suspensions. In one

accident last May, Abraham

Meyers, 55, a drunken driv-

er with 22 license suspen-

sions, killed a mother and her

also are under orders to make

more computer checks on

drivers stopped for traffic

license. The 40-year-old

Shaobai as saying.

New York cops

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Relations sour as Taiwan shells China by mistake

TAIPEI (R) — Taiwan said Tuesday it had accidentally shelled its rival China, drawing harsh condemnation from Beijing and driving relations to a new low.

... China's official Xinhua News Agency said that Taiwanese troops stationed on Lesser Quemoy, an island less than two kilometres off - the mainland, fired at least a dozen shells into a suburb of Xiamen City.

. Without confirming the number of shells fired. . Taiwan's Defence Ministry acknowledged that a bombardment had taken place and expressed deep regret for its "unfortunate" mistake.

"We express deep regret saying. over this mistaken incident. the ministry.

The anti-aircraft shells - were supposed to explode in launch an immediate inves-

KATHMANDU (R) — Nep-

al voted Tuesday in its second

general election since pro-

tests ended absolute monar-

chy in 1990, amid anxieties

that no clear majority would

emerge to guide the pictures-

que Himalayan kingdom out

About 100,000 members of

There were no reports of

violence as men and women

formed separate queues in

sunny Kathmandu, waiting

quietly to stamp ballots

marked only with symbols

that included a tree, the sun,

of poverty.

land, the statement explained.

Four people, two of whom were seriously injured, were receiving emergency medical treatment, Xinhua quoted Niamen municipal officials as

As Taiwan expressed its sorrow Beijing issued a strong condemnation of the island, still ruled by the Nationalists who fled there after losing the civil war against the Communists in

"We express grave concern over the incident," Xinhua quoted a spokesman for the Taiwan Affairs Office under the State Council (cabinet) as

The bombardment was an which had no inimical in- evil act and "a vicious inci--tent," said a statement from dent that sabotaged the the Quemoy Defence Com- peaceful atmosphere across mand, a unit subordinate to the Taiwan Straits," the spokesman added.

He demanded Taipei mid-air but failed to do so tigation, make public the and crashed onto the main- facts and severely punish

Nepal holds snap general polls

mer and sickle.

a plough, a drum and a ham-

observers, including 130 fore-

igners from 28 countries,

were posted in 205 consti-

tuencies spread from south-

ern plains to the world's high-

More than 1,250 election

But an official at the Main-Both China and Taiwan land Affairs Council, which formulates Taiwan's China claim sovereignty over all China and Beijing has not policy, played down the likely effect of the bombardrenounced the use of force to recover the island.

> "This is an isolated incident and it will not affect relations across the straits." said Director of Information William Li.

> Taiwan's Defence Minister Sun Chen said a thorough investigation had been launched. The Defence Ministry statement said compensation would be paid to the victims but did not say how much.

> The last serious bombardment of China by Taiwan was during a cross-straits battle in 1958. There have been no reports of exchanges of fire since the 1970s.

In recent years, Nationalist troops have opened fire on illegal immigrants from China trying to slip past garrisons on Nationalist-held islands as they tried to reach Taiwan aboard fishing boats, causing some casualties.

Japan,

longest

military

exercise

NORTHERN HOKKAIDO

Japan (R) — Japanese and

U.S. troops Tuesday started

the second week of mock

ground, sea and air battles

around snowblown northern

Japan in their longest-ever

Exercise Keen Edge

brought together about

26,000 troops from all bran-

ches of two militaries that 50

years ago were waging all-out

war against each other in the

The mission was to practice

defending Japan together

against. a. "generic threat,"

striving for synergy between

the two forces in an age of

"When you add one Amer-

ican unit and one Japanese

unit, you get three," said

U.S. Air Force Lieutenant

Colonel Perry Mize, assistant

director of the field exercise.

8 with wargames to train

commanders in complex

manoeuvres involving U.S.

and Japanese fighter, tanker

From last Saturday to this

Friday, the skies over north-

ern and central Japan will be

filled with planes from U.S.

bases as far away as South

and transport planes.

parts from Hokkaido.

set time," said Col. Mize.

While patrolling Japan's

airspace, the team would be

attacked by another joint

squadron of "bad guys," with

the point and means of attack

known only by commanders

Lessons drawn from the

clash were then analysed by

both sides to make sure that

"if we have to do it for real,

we will be able to do it," said

Mark Rutter, a U.S. Air

Force pilot based in Alaska.

tains about 44,000 troops at

94 installations throughout

The United States main-

north of Tokyo.

on the ground.

Keen Edge began on Nov.

tight defence budgets.

joint military exercise.

Pacific.

U.S. hold

U.S. Republicans pledge 7-day workweeks to get contract done

WASHINGTON (AP) -With their leader pledging a "very profound change in government" Republicans said Monday they would hold the house in session seven days a week if necessary next year to vote on a 100-day agenda ranging from tax cuts to welfare reform.

"This is time to be open to dramatic, bold changes." speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich told a crowded news conference at which he was flanked by Rep. Richard Armey of Texas, introduced as the next majority leader, and the leaders of a Republican transition

Mr. Gingrich later walked to the other side of the Capitol to meet Senate Republican leader Bob Dole. On an unseasonably warm day, the two men sat on an ontside terrace discussing their plans for the 104th congress. "It's a great opportunity," Sen. Dole said later of the Republican majorities in both houses.

He said he expected close cooperation between the houses. 'If he has a bill and we have a bill, hopefully they will be the same," Sen. Dole said. "We need to coordinate whenever we can. That doesn't mean we are never going to disagree."

Earlier, Mr. Armey said Republicans would be hardpressed to gain the two-thirds majority needed for a constitutional amendment setting term limits for lawmakers and to balance the budget. But he predicted most of the "contract with America" would pass.

House officials stressed that almost nothing would be immune from review as they take control after a 40-year Democratic majority.

There was no clearer signal of the House's new order than the news conference at which Mr. Gingrich, Mr. Armey and others spoke. It was carried live on CNN and attended by an overflow crowd of reporters. Mr. Gingrich and Mr.

Armey said the "contract with America" signed by more than 300 House candidates would be pushed to a vote within 100 days, as promised. The proposals include welfare reform; a crime bill; a series of tax cuts, including a reducation on capital gains and relief for families and certain senior citizens; a

southerners would hold the "contract with America."

Republicans have pledged to bring bills to the floor under rules that permit virtually unlimited amendments. Democrats frequently

tees could begin work on the rest of the legislation, sending it to the floor for an early

ership decapitated by the voters and through retirement, Democrats in Congress are tryng to decide who will head their tattered forces next



House Speaker-in-waiting Newt Gingrich, R-GA (left) is followed by reporters after a press conference on Capitol Hill Mr. Gingrich said his Republican leadership will act quickly on American's request to take the lead in Washington (AFP photo)

balanced budget amendment, term limits and other mea-

"We will complete the contract within 100 days." Mr. Armey said. "If that means working seven days (a week), we'll work seven days. If that means working 20 hours a day, we'll work 20 hours a

The new Republican majority. Mr. Gingrich said, was "determined to get a very profound change in government for the American people." In a slap at the Clinton administration, he said Republicans would

attempt to "truly lead." He said Democrats would have a greater opportunity to participate than Republicans have had in the past, and Mr. Armey shrugged off a question of whether the Republicans would be out for re--venge, saying, "it's not an

honourable thing to do."

resorted to a procedure that sharply limited amendments. Mr. Armey's ascension to majority leader would mean

two top positions in the new Republican leadership lineup. Elected last week to a sixth term from the suburban Dallas area, the 54-year-old Armey won a leadership position two years ago by appealing to a large crop of freshmen and pledging to use confrontation where necessary as a legislative tactic. He was intimately involved in conceiving and drafting the

Republicans expected to push through a rules chnage on the opening day of the session. Jan. 4, reducing the size of committee staffs by one-third. Unlike the customary practice of then taking a three-week break to await the president's budget, aides said, the House would remain in session so commit-

Meanwhile, their lead-

The border with India was the security forces fanned out sealed off to prevent any across the nation and the 35,000-man army was put on foreign tampering with the

lest, Mount Everest.

polls, the Election Commission said. Nepal, squeezed between the world's two most popu-

lous nations India and China, is one of the world's 10 poorest countries with an

average annual income of

\$180 a head. Eighty per cent of its development spending comes from foreign aid.

those responsible.

Political tensions eased in

the late 1980s and commer-

cial contacts have boomed.

But the Taiwan Straits still

bristle with weapons and

military tensions remain

out defending itself against

any Communist attack. Its

Defence Ministry/ last week

proposed a record budget for

Analysts in Taiwan were

"This shows that hostilities

remain very deep and cannot

be eased in the near term,'

said professor and military

expert Chi Mao-Chi at the

National Central University.

is that in the future such an

accident could develop into

conflict."

"The most worrying factor

surprised at the strength of

China's condemnation.

Taiwan remains serious ab-

dangerously high.

weapons spending.

The polls were not expected to knock Nepal off the neutral foreign policy course it has long pursued. In 1991 the centrist Nepali

est peaks, including the tal-Congress Party won the nation's first free election in 31 years after King Birendra was forced by pro-democracy protests to relinquish almost all his power.

But factional in-fighting and allegations of corruption plagued the party, forcing Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala to call snap parliamentary polls 18 months ahead of schedule.

Quake, tidal wave kill 45 in Philippines

CALAPAN, Philippines (R) - An earthquake followed by huge waves ravaged the central Philippines island of Mindoro Tuesday, killing at Jeast 45 people and demolishing hundreds of houses, officials said.

More than 130 people were injured when the quake struck before dawn, triggering panic, plunging the island into darkness and splitting open the base of a mountain in the tourist resort of Puerto Galera.

"The earthquake was accompanied by a roar. Then the waves came, as high as 10 to 15 metres, the furniture in my house was dancing and then fell over," Oriental Mindoro provincial Governor Rod Valencia said by telephone.

"People can out to the streets and many of them were crying."

Mr. Valencia said 44 people died in Oriental Mindoro, 39 of them in the provincial capital of Calapan and in the nearby town of Baco, which were nearest the quake's epicentre. Calapan has a population of 100,000.

One person died in San Jose in Occidental Mindoro, the other half of the twoprovince island, 140 kilometres south of the Philippines capital, Manila. The island has a population of one

Government seismologists measured the quake at 6.7 on the Richter Scale but the *U.S.* Earthquake Centre in Golden, Colorado measured it at 7.1.

"The quake lasted so long I thought it would not end," Calapan resident Oscar

"When it subsided, people ran to the streets and then we heard an even bigger roar. It was the waves and people panicked. They just ran for

The quake and the waves, which struck shortly after 3 a.m. (1900 GMT Monday). destroyed about 500 houses. knocked out power over wide areas of the island, wrecked the water supply system, damaged 18 bridges and crushed several moored fishing boats.

Seismologists said the tremor was felt for about 15 seconds but instruments continued to record its rumblings for more than 10 minutes before it subsided.

In Manila, many people rushed from their homes after being awakened by the

Five hours after the quake struck, seismologists have recorded more than 600 after-

President Fidel Ramos.

attending an 18-nation sum-

mit meeting of the Asia Pacific Cooperation Forum in Indonesia, ordered Mindoro placed under a state of calamity, enabling the government to release emergency funds.

Much of the destruction and death was inflicted by the waves, which carried off houses and drowned their occupants, Mr. Valencia

He said only about 20 per cent of the casualties were due to the quake. These were people hit by falling objects or crushed when their houses collapsed.

Food vendor Herminia Bocanegro, 61, was sleeping in her sidewalk stall in the port of Batangas on the main island of Luzon when she felt the street "swaying like a baby's cradle."

"When I looked out, the sea had disappeared. Then the wind rose and the waves came," she said.

The waves hurled away six fishing boats anchored at the pier, splitting one of them in two, and tossed overboard dozens of cattle they were carrying.

Twenty-one dead cows bobbed in the sea for hours until residents pulled them in to be taken to the slaughterhouse and sold in the public market.

Batangas is about 40 kilometres north of Calapan.

MSF leaves terror Rwanda camps

extent that it is now ethically

impossible for Medicins Sans

Frontieres to continue aiding

and abetting the perpetrators

"Members of the former

Rwandan authorities, milit-

ary and militias exert total

control over tens of

thousands of civilians in the

camps in Bukavu," MSF said

The head of MSF-France,

Xavier Emmanuelli, said ear-

lier in an interview in Tokyo

in a statement Monday.

of the Rwandan genocide.

NAIROBI (R) — A worldrenowned medical aid agency evacuated its last staff from the Zairean town of Bukavu Tuesday to escape a reign of terror in Rwandan refugee

Carolina and their Japanese camps. Self-Defence Force counter-Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF-Doctors Without Bor-Directing the air traffic reders) spokeswoman Samanquires the precision of "taktha Bolton said the last three ing off out of Washington French staff were leaving D.C. and making a red light Bukavu Tuesday. Sixteen left traffic signal in St. Louis at a

the town Monday. The last three included Typical operations had chief of mission Silvie Gries. mixed Japanese and U.S. The aid workers were headteams of four to eight planes ing first to the Rwandan take off from Misawa Air capital of Kigali before flying Base, about 450 kilometres to Nairobi, Kenya, for de-

bnefing. MSF halted operations in camps for an estimated 250,000 refugees around Bukavu Monday, saying kiliers linked to the ousted Rwandan government held sway and insecurity was in-

draw all its workers from Zaire unless the international community sent a force to secure the camps where it said staff had observed military training by Rwandans.

MSF threatened to with-

"In Bukavu the situation

with the Asahi Shimbun newspaper that the situation in the Rwanda-Zaire refugee camp area was becoming more confused and desperate every day.

"The leaders of the refugees are those who carried out massacres and they are trying to recapture power," "Medical services under these circumstances are no

longer useful," he added. MSF said its workers had witnessed the installation of a camp policing system barring. free movement of refugees and the establishment of tribunals and prisons.

They also saw intimidation, arrests and assassinations of people who wanted

to return to Rwanda, who were suspected to be opposed to the regime in the camps or who were members of Rwanda's Tutsi minority, the state-

ment added. More than a million Rwandans, mostly members of the Hutu majority, fled to Zaire in July after a three-month civil war.

Many feared revenge for the massacre of up to a million people, mostly Tutsis, by Hutu soldiers and death squads. The killers and members of the Hutu-led government fled to Zaire after Tutsi-dominated rebels won the civil war in Rwanda.

MSF said it would stop all operations in the camps unless Hntu leaders, former soldiers and militiamen were separated from the main body of refugees and said its staff had received death

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali said last week he would ask the Security Council to consider sending police or a rapid deployment force to tighten security in the camps.

The move followed a threat by 16 aid agencies to

two daughters as the family tried to cross the street after a party in Queens, authorities say. Since then, the police department has kept a list of drivers with 100 or more suspensions, about 340 names, topped by Linen's. Officers

offenses. Ticket sales boom as lottery fever hits U.K.

LONDON (R) — Gambling fever gripped Britain as Britons hoping to become instant millionaires snapped up £7 million (\$11.14 million) worth of tickets in the first 12 hours of the country's new lottery. "Since the National Lottery went live the response from public and retailers alike has been outstanding," David Rigg of the organisers Camelot said. Mr. Rigg told a news conference that by mid-afternoon total sales had reached £5 million (\$8 million). In an update later he said sales at seven p.m. (1900 GMT) had topped £7 million — about £6.2 million (\$9.9 million) for this Saturday's draw and the rest in advance purchases by players wanting to use the same numbers in future draws. Britain joined the rest of Europe with its own national lottery when Prime Minister John Major purchased the first ticket for the £2 million (\$3.2 million) weekly prize.

Hot dogs mean heavy fines in Zimbabwe

HARARE (R) - Dog owners in Zimbabwe's Bulawayo city risk a heavy fine if they allow their bitches to roam foreign country in Africa with, free and attract amorous males. The city council introduced fines of \$19 for flouting a new rule aimed at improving order and health standards.

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Mandela meets Miss World contestants

PRETORIA (AFP) — South African President Nelson Mandela met 87 beauty queens gathered in South Africa for the Miss World contest to be held Saturday in Sun City in the northeast of the country. Dozens of cameras were present at Union Buildings in Pretoria, where the presidency is housed, to capture a smiling Mandela, wearing a bottle-green silk shirt, shaking the hard of each contestant. He

went a little further with the local representative in the contest Miss South Africa, Basetsame Julia Makglemele, clasping her in his held in Sun City for the third year running arms. "I knew him from television and the (AFP photo)

memopupers and I never dreamed I would shake his hand," said Shonobu Sushida, Miss Japan. But she could not talk to him as she speaks only Japanese. "It is a privilege, it is a great day for me," said Radiah Latidine, Miss France, who comes from French Guiana. Lara Badawi, Miss Lebanon, declared herself to be "very happy." "It is the first time I have shaken a president's hand," she said, adding that she had never had the chance to shake that of her own President Elias Hrawi. Mr. Mandela will be at the contest, which is being

unilateral action to create a safe haven for refugees in the discussing a joint initiative to landlocked central African help African nations form

their own peacekeeping force, officials from both countries said. The project, which French and British leaders will discuss at their annual summit Friday in the French town of

Chartres, would involve training, equipping and possibly providing logistical support for an all-African military force. The need for an African force was highlighted by the

da this year, as well as the long-running civil wars in. Liberia and Somalia. It took the United Nations more than two months to put together a peacekeeping

force for Rwanda, and then

slow international response

to ethnic massacres in Rwan-

force but progress has been France, increasingly reluctant to act as Africa's gen-

thing must be done. The question is whether we will do it under the United Nations or the OAU," Gabonese President Omar

While most African states backed the idea, they looked to Paris and its European There is plenty of interest

be who pays," a French official said. He said the Western European Union, the European Union's designated defence

and logistical support if requested by African states, Belgium, another WEU member which has intervened several times to evacuate its nationals and restore order in its former African colonies, has complained that its military is overstretched and is likely to back an Afri-

arm, could provide transport

can force. British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said in a speech last month that France and Britain could help "enhance Africa's capacity and readiness in conflict prevention and peackeeping."

A British official said Paris and London had compatible ideas and would present proposals to other European governments on how to train, equip and assist an African

Diplomats said many practical problems would have to be solved, including organising cooperation among African armies that speak different languages, avoiding arms supplied for peacekeeping being used for domestic repression and stocking equipment safely out of the hands of coup plotters and profiteers.

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The Organisation of African Unity (OAU) agreed in principle to create such a

darme, made the issue top of the agenda at an annual summit with its African allies in Biarritz last week. "What happened in Rwanda has taught us that some-

Bongo said after the Franco-African summit.

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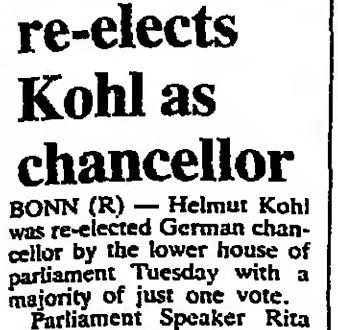
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cellor by the lower house of parliament Tuesday with a majority of just one vote.

Parliament Speaker Rita Suessmuth said Mr. Kohl won the votes of 338 deputies in the 672-seat Chamber three fewer than his centreright coalition's total after general elections last month.
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illas out the missing (coalition) that are votes, we should be happy butable display now that the election, was e successful the first time around," said Peter Hintze, general secretary of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic PROPERTY OF ACUSE (CDU).

The coalition's narrow majority had prompted par-Transmitted in the state of the government deputies in a trium standard roll-call before the voting to make sure nobody was ab-

dispipale is the conf. sent. CDU Deputy Roland Richter was the last to arrived just as voting started there were after oversleeping in his hotel migration content things from and being awakened by produce mar est a parliament chauffeur, a films and appeter to party official said.

Mr. Kohl's CDU had minutes of the majority pledged to support the chancellor unanimously, as had its Nightia of vol fire Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), and the small liberal Free Democrats (FDP).

> It was the first round of balloting and could have been followed by another attempt within two weeks if Mr. Kohl had failed to win at least 337 votes.

"Madam Speaker, I accept the vote." Mr. Kohl said to a standing ovation from deputies of his coalition, which was murowly returned for a

Ever is he emerged from the

Meanwhile, Turkey's anhassador to Germany said Tuesday a plan by Chancellor Kohl's coalition to introduce limited German citizenship for some foreign children was a positive step forward.

But envoy Onur Oymen voiced regret that the government had not agreed to dual enousity for the country's 6.9 million long-term foreign residents and especially its 1.8 million Turks who form the single largest foreign

This is a positive step in the right direction," Mr. Oymen told German Radio. "But Turks in Germany stil desire complete equality with their German fellow citizens. Dual nationality would be the best solution for that."

Turkish immigrant groups have voiced bitter disappointment at the plan which would grant a restricted form (2) Of citizenship for children of immigrants residents here for more than 10 years, provided at least one parent was born in Germany.

boom as lotten Yesterday the main fever hits U.K. opposition Social Democrats (SPD) called it a "small but is locally inadequate step in the right direction.

Branded a "sniff at German citizenship," it would give children full rights until 18 when they can become ifull citizens if they renounce their other nationality.



Haitians are gathered on the side of a flooded road in a southern suburb of Port-Au-Prince as U.S. military engineers survey the damage

caused by the passage of tropical storm Gordon across Haiti and its capital (AFP photo)

Tropical storm Gordon hits southern Florida after killing 78 in Caribbean

KEY LARGO. Florida (Agencies) — Tropical storm Gordon barrelled through south Florida early Tuesday causing power outages, flooding and a freighter to be abandoned, but no deaths. unlike in Haiti and Jamaica

where it killed 78 people. With winds gusting up to 100 kilometres per hour, the tropical storm was moving slowly through the Florida Straits separating the Florida Keys and Cuba, heading westward for the Gulf of Mexico where weather forecasters said it could pick up

Gordon, the seventh tropical storm of the 1994 Atlantic hurricane season, left more than 200,000 homes and businesses without electricity, closed schools for 9,200 children in the Florida Keys and kicked up 6.5metre swells that swamped a 55-metre (180-foot), Belizeregistered freighter 38

kilometres off Key Largo. Coast Guard cutters and navy helicopters rescued nine sailors and a dog from the sinking ship, authorities said.

Weather officials forecast as much as 20 centimetres of rain in parts of Florida, causing a 29-kilometre stretch of highway between Homestead and Key Largo to be closed part of the day.

The storm also forced some flights in Miami and Key West to be cancelled. On Monday, the upper edge of the storm forced the space shuttle Atlantis to divert a scheduled landing at Cape Canaveral, Florida, to

California. In Haiti, most of the deaths occurred in rural areas from mudslides and heavy rain of up to 14 inches (35 cm), and the toll was expected to go higher, according to officials.

The storm, which de-

veloped just two weeks before the end of the Atlantic hurricane season, ranks as the deadliest yet this year. In Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. independent Radio Metropole reported that at least 75

deaths had occurred from the

storm's weekend path across the Caribbean nation. Haitian radio and witness reports said torrential rains

spawned by the storm over the weekend were responsible for the heavy death toll. Roads were washed out by heavy rains of up to 14 inches (35 cm), and scores of shanty homes were destroyed.

U.S. troops in helicopters the Haitian countryside to identify hard-hit areas needing help, and cautioned that the number of deaths could continue to rise as information was gathered from rural

Jamaican officials said two men died Saturday as a result of flooding associated with the storm, including one man who was swept away as he tried to repair his broken car. In southern Cuba, one man was electrocuted Sunday, and nearly 300 homes damaged by strong winds and rain. according to the Cuban News Agency (AIN). No injuries or major damage was reported at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, where a wind gust clocked at more than 100 mph (160 kph) caused minor damage at a tent camp housing 29,000

fourth term in last month's Mandela: Angolan leader ready for truce

PRETORIA (Agencies) — South African President Nelson Mandela said Tuesday the Angolan government was ready to declare a ceasefire in the nearly 20-year long

Angolan civil war. "We were informed by Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos that he is ready to declare a ceasefire," Mr. Mandela said after returning to South Africa from a hastily-convened mini-summit on Angola in the Zambian capital, Lusaka.

Mr. Mandela said he and Zambian President FRedereick Chiluba spoke to Mr. Dos Santos in Luanda bay telephone Tuesday and were told the Angolan leader wanted to facilitate Sunday's rescheduled signing of a peace accord to halt the civil

Asked when Mr. Dos Santos was going to call an end to fighting, Mr. Mandela replied: "We did not press him. guess this is a bilateal affair (between the Luanda government and UNITA).'

Mr. Mandela said he was confident that both UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi and Mr. Dos Santos would be in Lusaka for the signing ceremony. None of the African leaders in Lusaka had managed to contact Mr. Savimbi. Mr. Mandela said he was sure

tiators had been able to do The pact should have been

UNITA's military nego-

signed Tuesday but UNITA said it could not discuss peace while the Angolan army was trying to wipe it out on the battlefield.

Diplomats had earlier said they were pessimistic the signing could even take place Sunday so deep is the distrust between UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) and Angolan government negovalors.

A ceasefire should have come into force Thursday. Angola's civil war foes will cal loff hostilities within hours, U.N. mediator Alioune Blondin Beye Tuesday said after talks with four African heads of state who met the warring parties.

Mr. Beve said that the Angolan government military delegation and their UNITA rivals had expressed 'firm and profound willingness" to stop fighting and that "in matter of hours, we will give you the good news and hour for the truce."

"Both sides have chosen a peaceful settlement to the conflict. They know that their situation cannot be solved by war and that no one can win," the U.N. special envoy to Angola told a press confer-

"This is why right now the military delegations from both sides are discussing as priority the cessatison of hostilities" in talks in the Zambian capital, he said, stating that the conflict was claiming 1.000 lives each day.

Haitian and Cuban refugees.

Fighting meanwhile raged on in the northern Angolan province of Uije, where the rebels control the provincial capital, following the fall of their stronghold in the central highlands city of Huambo.

Mr. Beye was speaking after three African leaders joined Zambia's President Chiluba to implore the Angolan government and UNITA to end the war.

Mr. Chiluba, Mr. Mandela.a Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe and Menes Zenawi of Ethiopia took turns in an informal closed-door meeting to castigate the rivals for the near collapse of the peace

process, participants said. The three visiting presidents left Zambia after telling the two sides that if they failed of reach a peace settlement, international attention would shift from Angola, leaving the country to its

carnage, sources said. "The conditions for stopping the (government) offensive are ripe now," Mr. Beye said. "The Lusaka peace agreement will not go

Earlier Tuesday, the head of the Angolan military delegation, General Pedro Neto, said the talks will be difficult and "could take a long time.

Muslims put up stiff fight for Bihac

SARAJEVO (R) — The Muslim-led Bosnian government army is putting up a stiff fight against Serb forces advancing on the Bihac enclave in the northwest, the

United Nations said Tuesday. Reports that Serb forces had driven the government's Fifth Corps back and taken full control of the strategic Grabez Plateau, which overlooks Bihac, had proved to be untrue, a U.N. military spokesman said.

"We reported yesterday that we thought the Bosnian Serb army were in possession of the Grabez Plateau. That is not in fact the case, there is heavy fighting going on for that feature," said spokesman Colonel Tim Spicer.

fire were reported all day Monday. "The Fifth Corps is believed to be putting up strong resistance in the area," Col. Spicer said. The fifth Corps took the Bosnian Serb Army by surprise two weeks ago when it

Artillery, mortar and tank

tured 250 square kilometres of territory. The Serbs have since recovered much of the lost ground. Col. Spicer added: "The BIH (Bosnian government army) is not running away

launched an attack that cap-

although the BSA (Bosnian Serb Army) advance has been rapid. The BIH withdrawal is not a rout. "There are indications

there is intense fighting going

on, which would not indicate a collapsed front."

The United Nations said Serbs from the breakaway Krajina region of neighbouring Croatia were shelling the Muslims in support of their fellow Serbs in Bosnia, but there was no indication that Krajina ground troops had entered Bosnia.

However, the United Nations said Bosnian Serb troops had been allowed to move through Serb-held areas of Croatia and this was a matter of concern.

The United Nations said there was a looming humanitarian crisis for thousands of civilians in the Bihac pocket because the Serbs were continuing to refuse access to aid convoys.

"Overall, the situation, while not critical, is very difficult and could become critical by the end of the month. perhaps mid-December, the pocket remains closed to convoys." said Kris Janowski. spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Re-

The blockade is also threatening U.N. military operations in Bihac, a so-called U.N. safe area.

Asked how Bangladeshi U.N. troops in Bihac could protect the enclave and themselves when they had only one rifle among four soldiers, Col. Spicer said: "Their equipment scaling is not perfect, we admit, but they are

continuing operations as

effectively as possible." The Bihac fighting, and the involvement of the Krajina Serbs, cast a shadow over peace talks between the Croatian government and Krajina representatives, which resumed in Zagreb

Tuesday.

Col. Spicer said the Bosnian government army had launched new offensives in northern Bosnia, and appeared at one point to be trying to take high ground commanding the Posavina Corridor, a supply route linking Serb-held territory in east and west Bosnia.

In Sarajevo, terrified commuters scrambled for cover as a volley of bullets ripped through an overcrowded tram and brought the Tuesday morning rush hour to a

Sniper fire forced pedestrians to fling themselves to the ground and cyclists to pedal furiously along sections of road exposed to the Serb

side of the front line. All further tram traffic halted and passers-by clung to the protection of walls and dodged through the early morning mist towards their

workplaces in the city centre. In Brussels, NATO formally agreed to maintain an arms embargo on Bosnia following Washington's withdrawal from the operation, NATO diplomats said.

NATO ambassadors

accepted recommendations from the alliance's military committee saying the abrupt U.S. move, which dismayed European allies, would have little real effect and stressed the need to maintain alliance

Foreign ministers from Russia, France and Britain, which have criticised the U.S. withdrawal, will meet in Paris Friday to discuss efforts to end the Bosnian war.

Bosnian Serb military leader Ratko Mladic has written to U.N. officials accusing Muslim troops of having a weapons factory in Gorazde and threatening to no longer recognise the enclave as a safe area, the Tanjug News

Agency said Tuesday. Tanjug said General Mladic sen : the letter Monday to the U.N. special envoy to ex-Yugoslavia Yasushi Akashi and the commander of U.N. troops in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose.

The agency said Gen. Mladic told both officials that the mainly Muslim Bosnian troops had a weapon factory in the eastern enclave of Gorazde, in violation of the

town's status as a safe area. He added that U.N. troops were assisting the government soldiers by providing the enclave with generators and water, "which, among other things, are used by the weapons factory."

Georgian, Abkhazian officials meet in Geneva

GENEVA (AFP) — Georgian and Abkhazian leaders met in Geneva Tuesday to try and resolve a quarrel over the repatriation of refugees and constitutional issues and pave the way for a summit here next month.

The two- to three-day meeting was opened by U.N. mediator Edouard Brunner who said he hoped progress would be made on some of the thorny issues that have pitted the two sides against each other.

"We hope that in the course of the week we will achieve some results and make significant moves in the right direction;" he said. "We know it is difficult. We

Only a handful of the 250,000 Georgian refugees

fugees.

are not encouraged by what is

happening with the re-

who fled fighting in the breakaway republic of Abkhazia have returned to their homes in recent months despite numerous accords ensuring their repatriation. Georgia has accused

return out of fear that it would render Abkhazians a minority in the region.

sovereignty over the secessionist republic. Abkhazian officials of standing in the way of the refugee

Boris Pastukhov, the Russian representative at Tuesday's talks, said "the key to solving the refugee question lies in a political settlement. Well informed sources said negotiators hope to come up with a constitutional plan that would give Abkhazians a great deal of autonomy while preserving Georgia's

and the economic recovery

But the sources said Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze fears that such a plan would encourage other separatists like those in Southern Ossetia.

Francesco Bascone, representing the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, appealed to Georgian and Abkhazian leaders

Tuesday to "leave the phase of political posturing" in order to make possible the summit meeting proposed by U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali earlier this month in Tbilisi.

Mr. Brunner said that the summit would take place on Dec. 2 only if progress is made during the talks this

The breakaway Republic of Abkhazia fell to the separ-Lusts in September 1993 following 13 months of fighting. Last June Russia sent 3 000 troops to monitor the Abkhaz-Georgian border

and ensure the safe return of

the refugees.

Delors launches campaign without saying so

PARIS (AFP) — Outgoing dent on Jan. 26, said that if without contracting uneasy European Commission chief Jacques Delors has virtually launched his presidential campaign, but must set up an uneasy coalition of left and centre to be able to rule.

Still officially cagey, Mr. Delors last week published a virtual presidental manifesto — the book "L'Unite d'Un Homme" (The Unity of a Man) — and spent all day Monday promoting it.

The difficulty of putting together a coalition that would back him if he were elected is perhaps what is holding up Mr. Delors.

Another problem is his age — he is 69 — but Dominique Wolton, the sociologist who interviewed Mr. Delors for the book, said he appeared in "perfect physical and mental health."

In three interviews Monday, one on radio, one on television and one with the centre-left daily Le Monde Mr. Delors brought forward his own deadline for announcing his candidacy by a month, saying that if he had said nothing before Christmas, that meant he would

stand. Mr. Delors, due to step down as commission presihe opted to run, he would make no formal announcement until after that date. But he added "if after

thinking about it and consulting my old friends, I decided not to stand, then I would give notice of this well before Jan. 25. It will be before Christmas."

Mr. Delors was asked if he would rule with the right, the left or the centre and replied, in English: "That is the ques-Mr. Delors, seen as the

only centre-left contender capable of stoping a rightwing candidate, has said he believes the presidential poll, due next April-May, "will be won in the centre," with the support of middle-of-theroaders who voted with the right in the March, 1993 legislative elections.

Although likely to be the opposition Socialist Party's candidate, the party has not recovered from its 1993 debacle and has only 53 seats in a 577-member National Assembly.

Even if Mr. Delors dissolved parliament, the party would be unlikely to make a sufficient recovery to give the president a working majority alliances with the centre and even further right.

Mr. Delor's socialdemocrat tendencies will be opposed by the left of the party at its congress next weekend at Lievin, northern France, the last one before the presidentials. But analysts expect the party to rally to Mr. Delors, for they have no alternative candi-

Mr. Delors is meanwhile trying to present an image of tranquillity and calm to set himself off against the feuds of the right, which have badly split the Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR) between supporters of its founder. Jacques Chirac, and those of Prime Minister Edouard Balladur.

Mr. Delors, a former finance minister for the Socialists, said only his sense of duty and not ambition would make him seek the French presidency

He said he had already done a lot out of his sense of duty. "After 50 years during which I have given so much, I think that today I can only discuss the notion of my duty with the people who are close

Rightwing feuding and .a spate of corruption scandals have helped Mr. Delors on his way and the rivalry between Mr. Balladur and Mr.

Chirac could split the rightwing vote to Mr. Delor's advantage. For the first time, Mr. Delors overtook Mr. Balladur in a presidential popularity poll published by the daily Parisien Libere last week. The poll credited Mr. Delors with 50 per cent against 45 per

cent for Mr. Balladur. Meanwhile, an opinion poll said Tuesday, Mr. Balladur would beat Mr. Delors in the second round of the presidential elections next May. Mr. Balladur would win 52 per cent of the vote against 48 per cent for Mr. Delors, said the poll by the IFOP Institute

for the weekly L'Express. But it said Mr. Delors would come top of the poll in the first round of the election due in April.

The poil also said that Mr. Chirac would be beaten by Mr. Delors by 44 per cent to 56 per cent.

There was no change on a

similar IFOP poll a month

ago. The latest poll was car-

ried out before a spate of Mr.

Delors interviews Monday.

Mozambique vote counting enters final phase

MAPUTO (R) - Weary elecstion officials entered the final *phase of counting ballots from Mozambique's first multi-party poils Tuesday, with all signs that President Joaquim Chissano and his FRELIMO party were still Officials of the indepen-

Edent National Electoral Com-

mission (CNE), and obser-

many working around the idock, were deliberating over Phousands of spoiled ballots from the Oct, 27-29 poll. They were also laboriously double-checking tallies sent in from remote provinces of the impoverished and warracked country in order to come up with a final figure

That's the new deadline "e're hoping to meet." said one CNE official. "We're

With some 80 per cent of

more than 2.1 million votes, against Mr. Dhlakama's 1.3 million or 33 per cent. Mozambique since independence from Portugal in 1975 but initial voter returns show

who leads the small PADE-MO party, had 2.3 per cent with 89,305 votes. parliament, FRELIMO was

taking part in the poll picked

"We expect the final re-

sults to show a ...similar

trend," said one senior CNE official. The poll was aimed at consolidating two-year-old peace accords between RENAMO and the government which

had been rife that Mozambique would plunge back into civil war like another former Portuguese colony, Angola, if Mr. Dhalakama lost.

the first day of voting in protest at alleged fraud but later rejoined the electoral night that he was following process under intense interup his decision to open exnational pressure and has ploratory talks with the Irish since repeatedly denied that Republican Army's political he would return to arms. wing, Sinn Fein, with a simi-"One thing is to believe that the elections were not

Mr. Dhlakama boycotted

"We will accept the results. even though we believe there was fraud." U.N. special representa-

"Another thing is not to

accept the results."

tive Aldo Ajello and Western ambassadors rejected Monday reports in the progovernment press that RE-NAMO was mobilising for another fight and massing men in northern Mozambi-

Irish sides welcome major's plans to meet extremists

on both sides of Northern Ireland's political and sectarian divide Tuesday welcomed an announcement by Prime Minister John Major that he would meet armed Protestant extremists. Mr. Major said Monday

LONDON (R) — Politicians

lar invitation to the IRA's foes — Protestant guerrillas known as "Loyalists" because of their loyalty to British rule in the province. The prime minister also appealed to guerrilia groups on both sides of the 25-yearold conflict in the province to follow up the ceasefires they

Politicians representing the Loyalists were quick to

announced earlier this year

accept the invitation. "At last we are going to deal with the contentious

issues that lie in front of us," said David Ervine of the Progressive Unionist Party.

talks with British government. "I want to see my society returned to normality as soon as possible and the sooner we get to bilateral discussions with the government, the bet-

the armed groups could meet Mr. Major's demands to turn in their weapons, but said this would be difficult. "Nobody has ever created an inventory of the number of weapons that have entered

Northern Ireland," he said.

"There are two sides and

He also expressed sympathy for Mr. Major. "The

government will have the real sticky problem of dealing with both sides at the same time, and separately," he told BBC Television, adding that he looked forward to moving towards round-table

talks" that would include his

Sinn Fein President Gerry

side's Sinn Fein enemies.

Adams welcomed the inclusion of Loyalists in the dialogue but said the rest of Mr. Major's speech was "wholly inadequate." "Loyalist participation is

essential but Mr. Major

needs to move beyond the rhetoric and into substantive negotiations involving all of the parties and both governments," he said. "It is the failure to do this

which imperils progress." Seamus Mallon, deputy leader of the mildly Irish nationalist Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP), also urged Mr. Major to move more quickly.

"These talks should hap-

pen as quickly as possible so that the preliminary elements can be dealt with prior to the substantive political discus-

sions involving all parties,"

Ireland's government has

also been pushing London to speed up action on Northern Ireland. But Dublin's coalition government is threatened by internal strife. The Labour Party of Foreign Minister Dick Spring has threatened to withdraw from

a coalition with Prime Minis-

ter Albert Reynolds's Fianna

Fail over the handling of a

child sex abuse case. But British newspapers said the Northern Irish peace process was more important. "Reynolds and Spring must resolve their differences," said the Times.

sense of proportion and priority, the outcome could be the dangerous disruption of the peace process," said the Independent.

"Unless the politicians get

heavy lines in Zimbabwe

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wers from the main parties.

acceptable by all participants. n - CNE officials said they were hoping to overcome the Problems and to have a final tally ready by Wednesday evening.

doing everything we can to

wrap things up by then."

ballots from the 7,411 voting stations counted Monday the last results to be made public until Wednesday's planned announcement -Mr. Chissano was well ahead of his former civil war rival. former rebel leader Afonso Dhlakama, in the presiden-Mr. Chissano, had garnered nearly 55 per cent, or

FRELIMO bas ruled that the party would not get an absolute majority. Wehia Ripua, a former FRELIMO liberation fighter

In the race for the 250-seat ahend by 45.7 per cent, or 1.7

million votes, versus RE-NAMO's 1.4 million, or 37.3 per cent.

Few of the 10 other pres-

idential candidates and 12

smaller parties and coalitions

up many votes. So far, only the Democratic Union (UD) coalition has broken the five per cent barrier to qualify for seats in parliament.

ended 16 years of one of Africa's most brutal civil war. Fears before the elections

In Angola, UNITA rebei chief Jonas Savimbi resumed his bush war after crying frand and rejecting his defeat in U.N.-supervised elections in September 1992.

free and fair," Mr. Dhlakama told reporters on Monday.

> by handing in their stockpiles of weapons.

which has close links with the outlawed Protestant groups. Mr. Ervine, who was outspoken in urging Loyalists to match the IRA's Sept. 1 ceasefire, said he was keen to

represent his community in

ter," he told BBC Radio. Mr. Ervine said he hoped

this society is awash with weapons."

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Pretexts or real causes

IRAQ'S LATEST bid to lift sanctions imposed on it by the U.N. Security Council failed in spite of its official recognition of Kuwait as called for by the Security Council. Security Council President, U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright's only comment in the wake of the Council's deliberations Monday to consider Baghdad's latest application to relax the sanctions was brief and to the point: "We met, reviewed the sanctions regime and decided to continue it without change."

As a matter of fact, Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz did not expect an immediate ending of punitive measures against his country and said so in so many words on the eve of Monday's meeting. What Iraq expects, however, is the beginning of the process that would lead to lifting the oil embargo and other sanctions by the time the Council reviews this issue six months from now. This is essentially the scenario that Moscow is also working on as it continues its efforts to prepare the groundwork for rehabilitating Iraq into the international community. "I am counting on the U.S. to be able to contain its emotions and recognise one thing — in international affairs, people do not act in the same way forever," Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev was quoted as saying in defence of his government's bid to temper Washington's adamant refusal to "budge on the sanctions. Mr. Kozyrev even went to the extent of comparing Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who, in spite of his background as a guerrilla leader, has won the Nobel Peace prize.

Moscow's endorsement of Iraq comes in stark contrast with the stance of the U.S. and its principal allies and puts the two major powers on a head-on collision. Russian diplomatic efforts are clearly motivated and guided by objectives that run counter to those entertained by President Bill Clinton's administration. All indications point to Washington's insistence on changing the entire ruling regime in Iraq as a precondition for changing its stance on the sanctions. The human rights record by Iraq, which is admittedly anything but satisfactory, will surely be used by the White House as yet another critical factor that precludes any change of heart on the part of the Americans. The regime's continued oppression of its political enemies does not help matters much. There has been no real movement in the direction of pluralistic democracy in Iraq and respect for basic human rights is nowhere in sight. As long as this remains the case the West will continue to use it as a pretext to keep the sanctions. Baghdad, therefore, must avoid further excuses by its enemies to ostracise it by improving its human rights record.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Al Ra'i daily Tuesday drew the concerned government authorities-attention to the need for stemming the spiralling prices of basic commodities and dealing with corruption and acts of bribery in some of the public and private institutions. A kilogramme of dry onions costs half a dinar and a kilogramme of potatoes costs 750 fils, while the prices of other food stuffs continues to rise, making life more difficult for the limited income groups, said Tareq Masarweh. On the other hand, the writer drew attention to the fact that Arab investors are continually finding it difficult to invest in Jordan's businesses without having to pay sums of money to ensure that the procedures take their right course. He said this is corruption of which all citizens feel ashamed, and one that tends to hinder investments in the Kingdom's development projects.

HOSNI AYESH, a columnist in Al Ra'i, Tuesday addressed the results of the Oslo deal between Israel and the Palestinians one year on and said that Israel has been exploiting it to ensure its own selfish interests. Since the signing of the deal, he said, Israel has confiscated 67,000 dunums of Arab land in the West Bank, beefed up the existing Jewish settlements, built new roads to encircle Arab centres and consolidated its hold over the destiny of the Palestinian population. Citing the example of the Ibrahimi Mosque, where the Israelis have installed a synagogue for the Jewish worshippers at the Islamic site. the writer said that the Israelis are pursuing policies that are incompatible with the spirit of the Oslo agreement and in flagrant violation of international law. He said that the Israelis continue to exploit the peace process with the Arabs to perpetuate their occupation of the Arab lands.

Tackling Egypt's Islamist insurgents

By Paul Witter

THE ISLAMIST insurgency which continues to trouble the Egyptian government owes its origin, in part, to the divide and rule tactics of President Anwar Sadat. For Sadat unwisely used the Islamists as a counter to the powerful secular leftists during the 1970s. He supported Islamic groups financially and cultivated an image of religious piety. Sadat's ultimate rejection of the Islamists' basic objectives and the signing of the Camp David peace accord with Israel led to his assassination in October 1981, by disgruntled Islamic militants who saw violence as the only way to reform a "rotten" and "atheist" state. Militant: Islam, in the shape of the Jama'at Al Islamiya, was now to become Egypt's dominating political issue. Ever since, Egypt's vast bureaucracy and security services have

laboured to put the Islamist genie back in the lamp. Much has been written about the Islamist guerrillas and the likelihood of their overthrowing the Mubarak regime. The importance of Egypt to the West's Middle East strategy and to regional stability justify the topic's prominence. The general consensus is that the Islamists possess neither the necessary organisational structures, a charismatic leader or diverse enough public support to seriously threaten President Hosni Mubarak. But although the Mubarak regime's shortterm future seems secure, many critiques of the Egyptian crisis overlook or. underestimate the importance of crucial regional and domestic trends which are likely to dominate Egypt's future.

Security clamp-down

The choices facing Egypt's political leadership are undeniably stark. The regime, however, remains firmly committed to its present political and International Monetary Fund (IMF)-inspired economic programme, Mr. Mubarak, having recently secured an extension to his presidency. believes now is not the appropriate time to concede ground to the opposition, Islamist or secular.

But this policy of rigidity is fraught with danger, as no genuine attempt has been made to solve Egypt's deeprooted problems. The regime's only viable tactic seems to be to press on with its brutal security clampdown against the Islamists in and around Asiut and poorer districts of Cairo, by_ extending still further the emergency laws, continuing round-ups of suspects and engaging in torture. Middle East Watch has estimated that over 8,000 political prisoners are currently held

suspected Islamic militants. Many Egyptians feel the security forces have become too brutal when dealing with the Islamists. This perception is only reinforced by the mass convictions and summary executions, a policy likely to create new martyrs for the Islamist cause and strengthen the view that Mr. Mubarak's regime is only protecting itself and its

in Egypt, the vast majority

many privileges. If Mr. Mubarak is to defeat the Islamists, he must deliver on the economic front. The IMF and World Bank believe Egypt's economic prospects show definite and solid signs of improvement. They highlight a 75 per cent reduction in food and other subsidies, a reduction in the budget deficit to 2.4 per cent of gross national product (GNP), and economic growth of around 4 per cent. However, the real story of the reforms has largely been one of disaster for the majority of Egypt's population. Most of the changes have benefitted only the better off. In view of this, the gov-

ernment's continued attack on moderate Islamist organisations would seem very short-sighted. For Mr. Mubarak is forgoing an important opportunity to incorporate the constitutional Muslim Brotherhood into the political structure. If the Brotherhood was incorporated it would have two important consequences. First, to disperse the responsibility for Egypt's present difficulties, by giving political power and responsibility to a rival party, and second, it would dichotomise the Islamist movement, which has recently shown signs of agreement

regarding the merits of violence over democracy. But the Brotherhood and its political and social activities are seen by the government more than ever as a threat to its existence and to Egypt's stability. In the short to medium

term, the insurgency and

the economic situation will not topple the regime. But, without an accommodation of moderate Islamist opinion into the political process, stringent policies to fight endemic corruption, and real economic reform which takes into account Egypt's poor, the Islamists could in the future seriously threaten it. The continuing popularity of Islam, shown by growing attendance at prayer, the greater readership of Islamic literature and a heightened opposition to secularism, is already laying firm foundations for a troubled future. The need to reform economy and society

If keeping Egypt in the slow lane to reform triggers social and political unrest, Mr. Mubarak could institute a more radical economic reform programme, in the hope of securing faster, more sustainable prosperity. If this policy was successful many of the factors which now contribute to the Islamists' support and popularity would disappear. It would also strengthen and enhance the concepts of capitalism and secularism as necessary components for guaranteeing stability and prosper-

But the prospect of the regime taking this line is remote. It has steadfastly sought to introduce gradual economic reform, endeavouring (with little success) to minimise the impact on the poor of rising prices on basic commodities. The regime is aware that accelerating the reforms could well see a proliferation in social unrest and an increase in support for militant Islam, as unemployment and poverty spread. There have already been riots over increases in bread prices. The government could not also ensure that its key supporters in the military and bureaucracy would be insulated from these crippling effects. Even a former prime minister, Atif Sidqi, has called the economic reforms "extreme". Such a policy is giving Islamic social services and businesses additional credibility in the face of a Western-prescribed "shock therapy".

As things stand, the future for Egypt and its people can only be difficult. Islamist violence against the security forces, government officials, tourists and the christian minority will continue. The recent assassination of Major-General Rauf Khayrat indicates the militants' capabilities have not been curbed, indeed, it marks an increase in their sophistication.

None the less, President

Mubarak is inclined not to undertake an overhaul of government personnel, especially in the interior and defence ministries. He believe this kind of endorsement will bolster the government's stability and cohesion. With the continuation of the harsh security measures, and the steady implementation of economic reforms, the regime feels it can survive and prosper by yielding nothing. But the IMF's economic programme has no guarantee of success, unless the endemic corruption and elitism is tackled and a new, more open business philosophy is injected into the country's commercial cul-

These changes must also be underpinned by the sustainable redistribution of wealth to Egypt's poor. For the Islamisation of Egyptian society continues, with the vilification of secular figures and institutions, the murder of author Farag Fawda, the censorship of plays and literature.

The government cannot take for granted the success of its current tactics against the insurgents. Even its elaborate control of mosques and clergy may not succeed in curbing the opposition's growing power and influence there. For Egypt to put its troubles behind it, and enjoy a mod-.icum of stability and prosperity, the country must undergo little short of a revolution. It must gaivanise the moribund political system and end corruption and economic stagnation.

Middle East International



U.N. court can root out suspects

By Sara Henley Reuter

THE HAGUE — It may take time, but the U.N. Yugoslavia war crimes tribunal can root out suspects evading trial — with a "super-indictment" that can hound fugitives across the

"We are very patient," Christian Chartier, spokesman for the United Nations tribunal, said. "We have no power to try suspects in their absence, but we have a way to not close their cases."

The U.N. court's power to bring war criminals to book is ostensibly weakened by the fact that. unlike the Nuremberg Nazi war crimes trials after World War II, it starts with no suspects in custody, and it cannot try anyone in their absence.

In both the cases the tribunal has so far made public, the main concern has been how to get the accused into court. Its inaugural public hear-

ing last week was tied up in the legal technicalities of bringing in one of its first cases from Germany, even though Germany is keen to hand over the suspect.

States with suspects are obliged to cooperate or face U.N. Security Council sanctions but even if they do not, the tribunal has an international policing

If individuals fail to appear before the court, the U.N. judges can issue an international arrest warrant through the cross-border police force Interpol.

A suspect would then become an internationally wanted person, effectively trapped in his hiding place. "In 10 years he may start to travel around and he is at risk of arrest" said Mr.

Chartier. "We can then

start to act."

Suspects with a "wanted" tag on their heads will also become hostage to any political changes in their refuge, Mr. Chartier said. The rule will help get

around problems in bringing in suspects who are hiding under cover of warfare, or who are being sheltered by any state unrecognised by the U.N.

In effect, it means Yugoslav war criminals could be convicted years after any peace is reached in the area - in the same way Nazi Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie was tried in 1987, 42 years after the Nuremberg trials

started. The "super-indictment" power could prove important in the case of the first man to be charged by the court, former Bosnian Serb camp commander Dragan Nikolic, who is believed to be living in the Bosnian

Serbs' self-declared capital

of Pale.

Tribunal officials have admitted that it will be a problem having him arrested — the Bosnian Serbs under Radovan Karadzic are under only a moral obligation to turn him in, as the territory they control is not a U.N.-recognised state.

If after time he does not appear, tribunal judges could reconfirm the charges against him and issue the Interpol warrant.

In practice, this power will only be valid for as long as the tribunal exists. It was founded by the Security Council in 1993 and will be wound up when the Secur-. ity Council chooses.

But Mr. Chartier said the rule is the tribunal's answer to its inability to try people in their absence.

"It means we have no problem with trials in absentia," he said, "There is no deadline."

U.S. report on Iran group stirs controversy

By Patrick Worsnip

WASHINGTON - The United States says the Muahedeen Khalq are not an important Iranian opposition group, but last week's flare-up in the struggle between them and Iran's rulers suggests Tehran does

not share that view. Iranian forces fired Scud surface-to-surface missiles on Sunday at a Mujahedeen base in eastern Iraq. According to the group, it was the first time Tehran had used the weapons since the Iran-Iraq war ended in

On Tuesday, two bombs exploded in the Iranian capital, killing two people The Iranian authorities and the Mujahedeen accused each other of responsibility.

The latest violence came just days after the U.S. State Department, in a long-awaited report, concluded that the Mujahedeen "are not a viable alternative to the current government of Iran." On Wednesday, the offi-

cial Iranian news agency. quoting informed military sources, said Iranian jet fighters attacked bases of Iranian guerrillas inside

It said the warplanes bombed guerrilla targets inside Iraq Wednesday morning.

For the Mujahedeen, this was no coincidence. They said the State Department report had given the green light for the Scud attack and branded the document "a whitewash of the atrocities committed by the religious, terrorist dictatorship ruling

The irony is that the United States considers the Islamic fundamentalist regime in Iran one of the most objectionable in the world, guilty of alleged backing of extremist groups, destabilising its neighbours and flagrantly violating human

Despite this, the State Department decided that the principle that "my enemy's enemy is my friend" does not apply to the Mujahedeen. More controversially, it refused to talk to the group at all in preparing its report.

"Our mutual distaste for the behaviour of the regime in Tehran should not influence our analysis of the Mujahedeen," Wendy Sherman, assistant secretary of state for legislative affairs, said in a preface to the 41-page report.

U.S. officials cite several reasons for their distaste for the Mujahedeen, a Muslimcum-Marxist movement which fonght against the former Shah of Iran, backed Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic revolution in 1979

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The officials say it is a guerrilla group that kills civilians, that it is backed by Washington's public enemy number one - Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, that is undemocratic and that is shunned by most Iranians.

Despite claims by the group that thousands of its supporters have died in the struggle against the rulers in Tehran, one State Department official said: "It is not a very influential player in Iranian opposition poli-

Mujahedeen spokesmen, who operate out of most leading Western capitals as well as Baghdad, deny all the charges against them and say that whatever the movement's past, it is now committed to Western-style democracy in Iran.

Few independent U.S. analysts are enthusiastic about the Mujahedeen but not all agree that they are unimportant.

"They are the only group that has managed to keep alive opposition to this regime," said Marvin Zonis of Chicago University. "The Mujahedeen are not my favourite people, but so what? I think it's absurd (not to talk to them)."

The State Department's approach has led to a standoff with Congress, which asked the administration to write the report in the first

The department defied a call by more than 100 members of Congress to talk to the Mujahedeen. Representative Robert Torricelli, a New Jersey Democrat, said the report failed to meet Congress's desire for "an accurate and balanced picture."

But, one senior State Department official said: "Out view is that you can't have a dialogue with the Mujahedeen without them using

that as a propaganda tool." The Mujahedeen have been quick to accuse the State Department of trying to curry favour with Iran's rulers behind a smokescreen of invective against Tehran from U.S.

"Some people (in the State Department) still have some hopes about fishing up some moderates in the regime," said the organisation's Washington spokesman, Shahin Gobadi.

The State Department hotly denies any attempt to appease the Iranian government. But officials admit they believe the current leadership is likely to stay in power for the foreseeable

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A new start

To the Editor:

AS MUCH as I make it a point not to get into heated religiously influenced political arguments. I just cannot bring myself to avoid commenting on a letter by G. Patricia Dajani, (Jordan Times Nov. 5). It is not so much that I disagree with her, nor do I disagree totally with what she is rebutting, but my point is that she is taking it a little too

The Books of God direct the eye for an eye idea, at the same token let us not forget that the Bible also advises us to turn the other cheek, and all the books direct us to be forgiving.

Many of the great battles fought through out history, were in many cases, fought by individuals who either did not know or remember what they were dving for. Often they were fighting the battles of their forefathers, fighting for outdated convictions. Not to say that those beliefs were unjustified. But as time passes, the needs of the new generations, and their methods of settling differences. change with the times. Therefore, we would be doing a great injustice to our descendants. if we were to continue to

stress upon them, our predecessors' ideals and gripes. No one has ever suffered, gone hungry, died, or became a homeless refugee, from making peace with his neighbour or cousin. Chances are, that none ever will. So I call upon all parties involved. to keep their stands, and cherish them if need be. But let us not dictate to our children that they must believe what we do. Let the new generations have a new start, and let them decide whom to befriend, or whom to condemn. They have the right to translate history on their own. All we should do, is supply them with accurate recollections from both sides, then they can fill in the blanks and, using their own judgement, decide what words to use, in describing certain wrongdoing or injustices.

> Nadim Al Jouni, Abdoun. Amman.

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PRAISE BE to Almighty God for His succour and guidance, and thanks be to Him for His countless blessings, having guided us to the making of peace after having led us to its path, enabling us to attain it and answering our prayers that he assist us in this world to hold our heads high, not to bow save but to the · Almighty, who would make us the duture makers of peace that future generations will enjoy... a just, comprehensive and total peace between God's faithful creatures, sons of Abraham (on whom be neace) so that they may glorify and worship Him for bestowing the gift of peace on them in the land of the Prophet and divine will protect and through messages... a peace they which they will enjoy, together with all of humante ity, the fruits of calm and

> We had long prayed to Almighty God to show us it - the righteous path, seeking inspiration in His words: "Help ve one another in interpretation in the second prety. the but help we not one another in sin and rancour;" (Al Maridah 2); and in His

"Nor can goodness and evil be equal. Repel (evil) with what is better: Then will He between whom and thee was hatred become as it were thy friend and intimate!" (Fussilat 34).

Now that we have, with God's help, reached our noble objectives, we ask the Almighty to make heaven our abode with pious, faithful and good Muslims, who "no frivolity will they hear therein, nor any tains of ill - only the : ': saving "peace! peace!"

(Augustian 25). Migisthe Almighty countain us among those who always defend what is right, not - merely their own but the . - _ right, of all people to live in - security and stability which - .- provide them with opportumites to work and build together all that may bring them success and ample re-: ward. I ask Almighty God , that He make me worthy of the love and confidence of _=all my people and to enable : me to fulfill the trust which have defrayed with honwir and manhood. My supplication to the Almighty ... - k: As I fear no one in this world but you, and seek --- only to attain your favour, ._ so guide me along the path of righteousness, the best to protect and the best to

Dear Brethren,

- Your Jordanian Arab someiand has achieved. with God's help, a long-_____sought and cherished goal along the path of a full and comprehensive peace... mained through a clarity If vision bestowed upon us y virtue of our long exzerience during the span of . He life. We have given nany martyrs, who have allen in the cause of deending our nation's rights. bur country has, throughnut this century, woven the abne of an immortal mesage of patience and pride. is people have learned rom the father of the freat Arab Revolt, Al fussein Bin Ali, who reides at Al Agsa, great ssous in sacrifice... start-. If with his departure, ogether with his Hashethe family, from the land a his ancestors after more han eight hundred years of scribce for what is right as well as for the dignity of at nation. His struggle

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for the cause of God and

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guidance) to the heavens:

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thee. Turn then thy face in

the direction of the sacred

mosque: wherever ye are,

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patient and steadfast, to

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Jordanian people, seeking

succour, after Almighty

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calling out to our nation, to

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thing for the purpose of any

gain, nor did we seek re-

compense, because even as

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martyrs, we sought nothing

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You all know that we are

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with Israel. We join this phase with the same sincerity we had brought to delineating the character of the precious phase. We have struggled to keep Jordan a home to those who have sought refuge and to those who have risen to their defence. We have ·kept Jordan free and unified in spirit and purpose. In all phases of this country's life, we have preferred to place the good of the Arab Nation above Jordan's self-interest. We have been at the receiving end of the negative attitudes of Others, and of their lack of clarity, their waste of oppostunities, their reliance on unbridled emotion, their superficial approach to the future and to our nation's destiny, and the insistence of many to forget that we are the school and proponents of the Great Arab Revolt. We, however, have held fast to our position; we have stuck to the independence of our Jordanian decision; we continue to defend our rights with manhood and honour. We have fought for the good of our nation, never entering a battle but with the purpose of victory or martyrdom. We are no strangers to the planes and mountains of Palestine, or to the walks of Jerusalem, or to the soil of

the Golan... for which we fought under the most difficult of circumstances. Faced with the changes of the last few years, we came to the decision that we had to wage the battle of a just, comprehensive and permanent peace. We walked the path of peace with national pride. In high national spirit marked by sincerity, full awareness and determination, Jordanians joined the negotiations in Madrid and Washington, and in our own region, until we arrived at the peace treaty between us and Israel. It is a peace on which the people have spoken... the word of the majority. It is a peace through which Jordan has regained its full sovereignty over its occupied lands and which has restored to Jordan its water rights by one of the parties concerned with the water issue. Jordan hopes, and will strive, in the context of comprehensive peace, to regain its water rights in

Much has been said about the peace process and the peace treaty. The people have had their say after a unique constitutional debate. It is imperative here that the minority opposition respects and observes the opinion of the majority, except within what is prescribed by the Constitution, the laws and the charter in the way of freedom of opinion up until the conclusion of the treaty. Their freedom will always be respected within these limits. But it is unreasonable and unacceptable to go to exaggerated lengths in the name of freedom of opinion, of exercising intellectual terrorism over the people as a whole and denying the right of the majority to take a decision which, at the end of the day, every-

body must respect. It is worth mentioning here that our thanks go to all who expressed their opinions frankly and clearly, to those who stood with their country and with future generations. This comes at a time when people had got used to choosing the shorter and easier path in facing the manifestations

and effects of intellectual terrorism, of misrepresenting religion, faith and righteousness, of tending to deny the right of others to

life or to pass over their suffering, or not to realise that other nations have their own orphans and widows. We ask Almighty God to help us face all these circumstances in order to arrive at a new and promising dawn. It is high time for us to define our own responsibilities and priorities before we lay upon others the responsibility of all that has befallen our nation. It is time we dealt with life and its challeages with rationality, courage and a sense of responsibility. I wish to affirm here that Islam cannot be against peace; it cannot side with darkness against light, or with death against life. Therefore, the pulpits of God's Prophet prayers and peace be upon Him), may not after today serve as places for irresponsible expression in the name of Islam, which is innocent of all terrorism oppression and charges of infidelity and belittlement

their life here on earth. In addition to all of this. many of the forms of expression used have reflected a condition that shows us to be uncertain of ourselves, our civilisation and the legitimacy we represent. Some have even gone to the extent of depicting peace as a threat to our nation and civilisation How can this be reconciled with the fact that we are a nation forged by the experience of history, a country that has pride in the positions it takes, that stands tall and glorious, that understands the march of history and the depth of our nation's culture and its ability to meet the consequ-

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ple's right to hear from

these pulpits all that is good

about their religion and

My fellow Jordanians,

We have made our posi-

ences of peace.

tions clear all through the decades of conflict. During the Rabat conference in 1974, when the Arab leaders prosposed the formula of the sole legitimate representative, despite our recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organisation since 1964 and my own act of opening the first meeting of the Palestine National Council in Jerusalem in 1965, I said to the leaders: "If our Arab brethren at this exalted conference are of the view that the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan does not have the legitimacy of speaking in the name of the Palestinians who live in its midst, who carry its citizenship and who have become part of its institutions, or of defending the right of this people, or of striving to regain their usupred land, or of lifting occupation and doing away with aggression, and if they deem this legitimate aspect to be restricted to the Palestine Liberation Organisation alone, then in the name of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, I place on their shoulders along the responsibility of their decision and all lthe consequences it entails. I consider it to be a release of our current political responsibilities. We leave the verdict on this decision, if

taken, to history." In spite of this, we continued ot bear our responsibilities because of our pan-Arab orientation, thus remaining loval to a history replete with sacrifice and martyrdom, for the sake of our nation and its prime cause. We have always viewed our position as a commitment to the firm brotherhood and the special and distinctive relationship that exists between the Jordanian and Palestinian people on both sides

of the river. We always viewed it as a fulfillment of the trust we bore towards our nation's holy places in Jerusalem, where our great grandfather, Prophet Mohammad (prayers and peace be upon Him) found his ascent to heaven, a role recognised even by those who fought against us, a role of protecting and preserving the holy places, but one denied by the ungrateful. At this juncture, we again stand by the Palestimans in their attempt to achieve their rights on their national soil along the path of peace they have chosen. The West Bank and Jerusalem, which were rescued by the men of the Arab Legion under the leadership of Abdullah Bin Al Hussein and whose people chose the union that arose between the two banks of the Jordan River, have been held in trust and defended by us. We strove to rescue them for their own people. We never bargained over one mich of territory or over one iota of the right of its people to their land all until the Palestinians, aided by all Arabs and by Muslims chose their own path, starting with the Rabat summit

which had taken them to the negotiating table. In insisting on dealing with the question of the holy places at the highest level of responsibility, we are calling and striving for a condition of dialogue among the adherents of the divine faiths, preceded by a dialogue among the Muslim sects, which would unify their positions and lead to brotherly relations among the faithful as decreed by God when He made Jerusalem the object of their reverence. This would be assumed under conditions where we all respect one another and which would preserve the rights of all the faithful in all that specifically pertains to them. As for custody over Jerusalem, this can only be the prerogative of

Almighty God. Nor is there

in any of this any diminu-

tion of the rights of the

Palestinians to Jerusalem

On the contrary, it will

bolster the peace of believ-

in 1974 and culminating in

the Oslo agreement with

the government of Israel.

an agreement that signalled

their departure from under

the Jordanian umbrella

ers in God and will serve to guarantee a continuation of this peace. Pursuant to this position. we shall continue to shoulder our responsibilities towards our nation's holy places in Jerusalem until a final and comprehensive peace is achieved, a peace that would restore the rights to their owners in accordance with the resolutions of international legitimacy. What we harbour in our conscience towards the holy places in Jerusalem and Hebron is as eternal as the positions taken by Al Hussein Bin All and is as present as the hallowed blood of Abdullah Bin Al Hussein shed at the entrance of Al Agsa

Mosque. Such have been our positions vis-a-vis our nation and Palestine. And we shall continue to advocate our 'nation's freedom, its decision-making independence, dialogue among its citizens and justice to all its peoples. If our calls are to go unhe ied we would at least have julfilled the trust of disseminating the message. Those who fail to see the light of day until it is too late must bear the responsibility of time wasted for our nation, time that could have been used for spreading awareness, for construction, for liberating our nation from the tyranny of intellectual inaction, from the heavy hand of

ignorance, disease, backwardness, poverty and unemployment. All of this would be a prelude to moving to an overall state of civilised existence, with all its freedoms, institutions laws, knowledge and modemity.

Dear Brethren I speak to you at a time of great historic change both in terms of events and transformational magnitude. If my remarks touch on history, it is because I fear a return, despite the fact that our actions are carried out in the light of day and before the whole world, of previous phases when contemporary Arab political history was marred by selectivity and distortion of many of our positions and characterised by an interpretation of our decisions out of their proper context. This distortion has blemished some of the purest images of the struggle of the Jordanian and Palestinian peoples, namely the decision to unify the two banks of the Jordan in 1950. Of this decision I had said in front of Arab leaders at the Arab summit of Algiers in 1988 that it was a victory for the stream of Arab unity at that point in ume.

I wondered then about the degree to which the newer generations were familiar with the facts. Of these is the question of how many of them knew that the Jordanian Arab Legion had rescued the largest part of what was left of Palestine, including Arab Jerussalem in the war of 1948 and the question of how many of them realised that the then representatives of the Palestinian people were the ones who initiated the call for union.

We are now entering a

new phase in our history, at

a time when the world is

Dear Brethren

embarking on painful transformations. We must face the requirements of this new phase with confidence in the ability of all Jordanians to adjust to a reality of which they have so far been deprived and to interact with distinction. maturity and a sense of responsibility, with the new opportunities of work, construction and creativity We must forge ahead with the process of comprehensive reform down to the minutest detail. We must free ourselves from all forms of hesitation or calls for isolation and prejudice or phenomena leading to a sense of tragedy or pessimism. The Jordanian people in all its segments is a living people, alert to its circumstances. It is a people which has built on this part of our nation's land a modern state though under the harshest of conditions. It has fiercely and obstinately defended itself and its regime. It is now entering an era of peace in the same spirit as it had entered a time of war. It will not abandon any right and will not turn its back to any who are oppressed. It will not cease to be giving, and will not relinquish its democratic option or its own distinctive approach to compassion, solidarity and respect for human rights. I will go even further to say that the coming phase is a most difficult battle in which -those who are capable of patience, construction and learning will prove themselves in this world. They will emerge from the tumultuous process of

to those who can see what is good and benefit from it. For those who would turn their heads away, those who would distort the image out of ignorance or envy, we can only pray that they be brought to see the light before they turn into fossils of history, whose wheels will forever continue to turn.

We have chosen our path

after others have chosen

theirs. We have adhered to

our Constitution and our

charter. Before us lies a phase during which we shall review our national plans in all fields in order to achieve one object: realising a Jordanian model of a modern state based on Shura. We stand at the threshold of a new century, during which we do not wish to fall outside the pale of history. Nor do we want to be followers of others. We wish to treat a straight path and to make our country the capital of our nation's culture, striving to liberate it from dependence, hesitation or maction. We continue to adhere to the principle that the unity of our nation's culture with its forwardlooking and refined Arab and Islamic roots in terms of creativity, synthesis and approach is the basis of any comprehensive national renaissance in our present time. It would be a renaissance offering our nation a real opportunity to foster life, freedom, justice and equality, and a strong culture capable of interacting with other cultures from a position of confidence, because it seeks light and freedom even as it seeks to be self-generating and judicious in what it accepts and what it turns away. It also seeks to distinguish between what is arid and what

My dear Jordanian peo-

is fertile, and between what

is racist and what is human.

On this occasion of speaking to you with clarity within the framework of our one Jordanian family, wish frankly to, let you know that I and my dear brother and loyal heir Crown Prince El Hassan are fully agreed on the necessity for quick and wellstudied action to give the opportunity to the generations of Hashemites who will succeed us to continue along the path of our fathers and forefathers, the path which I, together with my family, chose when we selected El Hassan to carry the responsibility which he has with loyalty and distinction, of returning to the Islamic approach of fealty and homage. After us, the grandchildren of Al Hussein Bin Ali shall select from among them and express fealty to whomever they deem most fit to carry the torch and fulfil the message in future generations.

Dear brethren, free Jordanians,

You have risen to the aid of your country and nation through your sense of duty and honour. You have struggled in order that Jordan may hold its head high for all time, despite the sick dreams of those who wanted this country to wither or to be in no position to obtain any of its rights in the future. But Jordan, which looms large because of its people and its valiant armed forces, remained steadfast, true to its principles, sacrificing on behalf of our nation, on several occasions beyond the call of duty. It never sought any recompense except the love of its kith and

nuous negotiations, persisted in defending our country's rights, until, with God's help, we succeeded in restoring them in full, be they territory, water, or borders. I wish to affirm. here that the entire borders of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan are defended by the men of the Arab Legion, public security and; other related bodies. When the barbed wire and minefields are removed, mark-: ing the complete restoration of Jordan's rights and exercise of its sovereignty without any constraint, this would place on them all, and on the people of Jordan, the responsibility of

keeping the peace and ris-;

ing up to its requirements

in letter and in spirit, not

permitting our lands to be

in any way a springboard or

an arena of action for any

I wish to thank you

warmly for your noble

sentiments on the occasion

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participated in the stre-

Fellow Citizens.

of my birthday. As your King, brother and son, I take pride in belonging to you, and I depend, in times of hardship, next to God, on your patience and strength. Together with you, I strive for our country's good and glory. I also wish to thank you for your expressed support and blessing of our efforts in the cause of your country and higher interests and its independent decision as it embarked on the battle for peace and emerges from it with honour. My thanks and greetings go to all those who bore the responsibility of the strenuous negotiations and defended, with reason, logic, sound argument and appropriate documentation, their comtry's rights. My thanks also go to ali our constitutional institutions as well as to the government for the efforts they expended and for their contribution in thought and action to the peace process. I also wish to thank the members of our Armed Forces and all our security. agencies, which hold high the banners of our country and in which we have the greatest pride. They are the guardians of our Kingdom and they ensure that no forces of evil can get close to us. Through their great steadfastness, they have

As we proceed along the path of peace, I wish to affirm my determination to do all that in my power to guarantee the good of my people now and in the future. I would thus have fulfilled my obligation to my people, which I shall continue to do as long as I live, together contributing to a delineation of the road ahead for Jordan and all its people. Together we shallcontinue to strive for our nations renewed renaissance on the road to liberty. Shura, democracy and justice. We shall work towards complementarity and solidarity of our people within the framework of human dignity, and the right of all to freedom, pluralism,

taught our nation and the

world that an army dedi-

cated to dignity and right

cannot be defeated.

security and peace. We ask Almighty God to give us the means of doing what pleases Him, to guide us along the path of all that is good, to guard our country and to bring our nation together in amity.

Peace be upon you and God's mercy and His blessings.

srael hands over tourism

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nough, while Islamic oppoents of the peace process are ceiving money from Iran, wah oil states and private opors in the United States. in an interview with the associated Press and APTV, a. Arafat said failure to net Gaza's pressing econoaccds could result in

More serious than that le explosion of the peace rocess," he said. Mr. Arafat blamed Israel . I spurring the cycle of vio-

For example, he said, a

suicide bomb attack that killed three Israeli soldiers near a Jewish settlement in Gaza on Friday was in response for the Nov. 2 car-bomb assassination of an Islamic fundamentalist leader, Hani Abed.

"Violence has two sides, and the target is the peace of the brave," said Mr. Arafat.

The Palestinian leader said it was Israel which nurtured the Hamas movement as a rival to Mr. Arafat's PLO during the Palestinian uprising that began in December

"It wasn't me who estab-

lished and gave license to this movement. Israel's government gave them 700 licenses," he said, referring to permits Israel's military authorities issued for private schools, clinics and other so-

cial centers. In Bethlehem, children marched with a Palestinian flag on Manger Square and lit firecrackers. Palestinian flags decorated the town.

"We have waited for this day for long years," said Elias Freij, mayor of Bethlehem and head of Palestinian tourism, when Zvi Nevo, the head of Israel's West Bank tourism department, signed over documents

APEC clinches agreement

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outside competition. But he said China's concerns had been allayed by clauses that APEC's programme would be carried out in a "phased and gradual manner" with some members going faster than others.

"The summit went very well and will have a positive effect," Mr. Jiang said. Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama described the leaders' meeting as "important and constructive," adding it had indicated the approach which APEC

would take to ensure further

development for the region and the world.

political feudalism in all its

forms, from the weight of

A signpost had now been set for strengthening the open multilateral trading system, freeing up regional trade and investment and intensifying co-operation in key areas of regional development, Mr. Murayama said. Japan would actively fol-

lowing things through, he pledged. Indonesia's President

Suharto, praised by almost every leader for his chairmanship and his drive in galvanising support for the agreement, said APEC's goal was an ambitious one.

"But we are determined to demonstrate APEC's leadership in fostering further global trade and investment liberalisation," Mr. Suharto

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steadfast and more deter-

mined. In this way, Jordan

will remain as the world has

always know it; enjoying a

position far larger than the

space of its beloved terri-

tory. Its Arab aspect and its

compassionate spirit will

In a statement expressing what it called "reservations" on the agreement, Malaysia said the targets were "indicative dates and non-binding on member economies."

said.

commit itself to further trade liberalisation at a pace and capacity "commensurate with (its) level of development." Prime Minister Mohamad has said that while he supports trade liberalisation, he did not want any deadline set

for the tariff cuts.

It said Malaysia would only

remain a shining example The Palestinian authority has rounded up 150 fun-

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damentalists in a crackdown on Islamic Jihad since the Netzarim attack. The group's chief ideo-

Rabin reassures Gaza settlers

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between Gaza City and Khan tiations on expanding self-

logue, Abdullah Shami, was still in hiding Tuesday, PNA officials said dismissing reports by an Israeli daily that Sheikh Shami had surrendered to police.

Mr. Rabin said Israel would insist that the Palestinian self-rule authority in Gaza work harder to prevent the staging or planning of attacks from Gaza. If Mr. Arafat failed, the consequences could be serious, Mr. Rabin said.

Despite his tough words, Mr. Rabin stopped short of threatening to call off nego-

Mr. Rabin said Israel' would implement the autonomy accord on the "basis of reciprocity." While Mr. Rabin was in Gaza, Israel handed over to the Palestinians authority over welfare and tourism departments in

rule to the West Bank. A new

round of talks on redeploy-

ment of Israeli troops and

Palestinian elections is to-

start Nov. 21 or 22.

the West Bank. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Associated Press Monday that the elections would not be delayed by extremists.

Mr. Rabin's visit here came after Israelis questioned the necessity of the Gaza communities and leaders said the settlers were a burden on the army.

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Japan proclaims trade surplus is starting to fall

TOKYO (R) — Japan finally declared Tuesday that its dol-'lar-based trade surplus was at a turning point and heading for a decrease after it saw the '- surplus shrink for the third month in a row in October.

Officials and economists isaid, however, that they do . • not expect future falls to be faster than in the August-October quarter because Japan's exports may grow steadily on strong overseas demand, outstripping the growth in imports.

October also marked the first time in eight months that Japan's dollar trade surplus with the United States fell. The politically sensitive surplus with Washington fell

6.8 per cent to an unadjusted

\$4.79 billion from a year ago. The overall customscleared trade surplus fell to an unadjusted \$9.28 billion in October from \$10.93 billion a year earlier. That was within private economists' forecasts... which had ranged from \$9.2

billion to \$10.9 billion. "It (the trade surplus) is at a turning point. It has fallen year-on-year for the three straight months or one quarter." a ministry of finance (MOF) official said after the release of the October data.

KIEV (R) — Ukrainian Pres-

ident Leonid Kuchma Mon-

day ordered a speed-up in

farm reform, authorising for

the first time private own-

A presidential decree, pub-

lished by Ukrinform News

Agency, constitutes the first

major step undertaken by

The programme was drawn

up with the approval of the

International Monetary

Fund, which last month

approved an initial credit

The decree urged local

councils to speed up transfer

of land to private hands. It

BISHKEK (R) — Kyrgyz

issued decrees Tuesday de-

signed to tighten financial

regulation and head off possi-

ble scandals involving get-

rich-quick schemes similar to

the defunct MMM fund in

A separate decree prom-

ises to open the transport

sector to free competition by

creating a licensing system

for trucking enterprises, taxi

The decrees on investors prices.

President Askar Akayev

· Mr. Kuchma as part of a

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\$371 million.

Ukraine's Kuchma signs

decree on privatising land

But the official added that it was not clear whether the surplus would fall without exception in future months, or whether its downward trend would be uneven.

But the October surplus widened to a surplus of \$8.65 billion from \$8.46 billion a month earlier after adjusting for seasonal factors, the ministry said.

The MOF official said the year-on-year decrease in October owed much to growing imports from the United States, the European Union and Asian nations.

The official said currency fluctuations and oil prices were still unclear as factors. but imports were boosted mainly by growing purchases of automobiles, aircraft, clothing and semiconductors.

In volume terms, automobile imports doubled from a year earlier in October while vehicle exports grew 3.1 per cent.

Imports of semiconductors and related parts grew 44.0 per cent year-on-year in dollar terms. Crude oil imports grew 13.1 per cent year-onyear due to the effect of this year's hot summer, which depleted oil stocks, the official

said landowners could sell,

let or bequeath their land to

Ukrainian citizens, provided

they did not change its prim-

Communists had resisted

all plans to legalise sale of

land. They hold about 90 of

parliament's 450 seats, while

other leftists with similar

views have a further 60 to 70.

is perhaps the most important

step in carrying out land re-

form," First Deputy Prime

Minister Viktor Pynzenyk

told Reuters after the decree

stands that if such an initia-

tive is not undertaken, no-.

thing can go forward," he

rights set rules for founding

investment funds, boost the

powers of a national secur-

ities watchdog and tidy up

regulations for savers de-

situation like the one in Rus-

sia, when MMM stopped

buying back shares, leaving

investors holding worthless

paper. Critics said MMM was

a pyramid scheme, using

cash from new investors to

buy back old shares at rising

They aim to prevent a

positing money at banks.

"Today, everyone under-

"Private ownership of land

ary purpose.

was published.

Kyrgyzstan clamps down

on get-rich-quick funds

The trend of replacing domestic products with imports is likely to continue. depending on the pace of a recovery in the domestic eco-

nomy. economists said. A strong yen may also continue to increase the quantity of the imports. But imports are unlikely to grow faster than exports, partly because the yen's recent rally to historic levels did

Instead, they were boosted by overseas demand, the economists said. The dollar was traded at around 99 yen in October, against 106 yen a year earlier.

not minimise Japan's exports.

"Despite the recent appreciation of the yen, the trade figures showed that major Japanese industries, which had been more competitive in the past than overseas industries, still remain competitive," said Takashi Kodama. economist at Daiwa Institute

of Research. Mr. Kodama also said imports are difficult to grow faster than exports because exports were already around 50 per cent above the level of

In October, exports totalled \$34.62 billion, while imports were \$25.34 billion.

Belarus rolls

MINSK (R) — Bread and

milk prices were lowered in

Belarus Monday after Presi-

dent Alexander Lukashenko

demanded an immediate roll-

mer Soviet republic remained

at higher levels and top

ministers said they would

make no further cuts in order

to keep a market reform

"This is a temporary, tac-

tical retreat," Prime Minister

Mikhail Chigir told a news

conference three days after

demand to cancel price in-

"Next month, we will re-

turn to the question of free

prices for the same goods.

We will continue to reject

reaction was a healthy one of

The price of a litre of milk

fell from 310 Beiarussian rou-

bles to 235 in most shops and

bread from about 620 to 570

Monthly salaries in the re-

public sandwiched between

Russia and Poland stand at

about 120,000 roubles - or

sion appearance Friday, Mr.

Lukashencko said politicians,

journalists and parliament

were hindering his activity.

In a dramatic live televi-

subsidies. Our president

a man with a big heart."

Mr. Lukashenko's emotional

programme on course.

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Inter-Arab private

KUWAIT (R) — The flow of private investments within the Arab World was cut by more than a third in 1993 to \$308.1 million, the Inter-Arab Investment Guarantee Corporation (IAIGC) said Tuesday.

"The total flow of private direct inter-Arab investments reached... \$308.1 million in 1993 compared with \$483.8 million in 1992 registering a fall of 36.6 per cent," the IAIGC, owned by Arab governments, said in its monthly report.

The report did not comment on the reasons for the

Egypt ranked first in attracting Arab private investors with \$104.5 million pouring into its economy in 1993, but that was a 71.2 per cent fall compared with 1992, said the report.

The Kuwait-based cor-

poration said the United Arab Emirates attracted \$55.1 million in 1993, 210.5 per cent up on 1992. Saudi Arabia ranked first in exporting capital, with

Paradoxically, Lebanon and Syria, among the Arab World's least wealthy states, came second and third among Arab states exporting private capital to other Arabs with \$52 million and \$24.3 million respectively.

\$109 million invested in the

economies of other Arab

Economists say wealthy Gulf private investors prefer to place their funds in developed industrialised economies where their investments amount to hundreds of billions of dollars.

The report of the 20-yearold IAIGC said the Arab industrial sector took the lion's share of investments with \$137.7 million.

Syria to reform banking system, set up new banks

DAMASCUS (R) — Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Zu'bi has said his govern- said among the laws to be ment plans to reform the banking system, unify exchange rates, and is studying setting up export and investment banks.

In a policy speech, obtained by Renters Tuesday, that Mr. Zu'bi made before the newly-elected parliament Monday night, Mr. Zu'bi also said some other economic laws and regulations would be amended or abolished.

He said the government would continue to support the private sector towards a greater role in the socialistoriented economy.

"The government will work in the next period to amend the laws of the specialised banks to parallel the economic development. We will study the possibility of setting up a bank for investment and one for export," Mr. Zu'bi said.

Local and foreign investors have urged the government to set up investment and export-import banks.

All banks in Syria are state-owned. They make very limited use of computers. Simply depositing or withdrawing money can take more than an hour.

Mr. Zu'bi also spoke about the necessity of abolishing, amending or introducing new economic regulations to parailel economic development in the country over the last four

Mr. Zubi did not give details but economic sources amended or abolished were those imposing harsh penalties amounting to 15 years in jail with hard labour against foreign currency dealers.

"The government will work to unify the different exchange rates in the country in stages and in a studied way within the framework of an integral and comprehensive economic plan," Mr. Zu'bi

He gave no timetable for the removal of the existing exchange rates system, which gives three different values for the Syrian pound against other currencies.

Economic sources said they expected to see a unified rate no later than before the end of next year.

The rates of the Syrian pound to the dollar are: An official rate of 11.2 pounds to one dollar, a customs rate of 23 pounds and an encouragement rate of 42 nounds.

The pound traders on the black market at between 48 and 50 pounds to one dollar.

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PERSONAL SHOPPING

U.K. taxpayers foot bill investment falls 36% for arms exports—survey

LONDON (R) — Britain is spending more than £5 million (\$7.96 million) of taxpayers' money a day to support arms exports, a Third World pressure group said

Tuesday.

The World Development Movement (WDM), which embarrassed the government last week by challenging its aid to Malaysia, said Britain was the world's fourth largest seller of arms and that 80 per cent of British arms sales went to Third World coun-

WDM spokesman Ben Jackson said: "The public will be shocked by the vast amounts of their money which is spent on securing weapons deals in the Third World, even to regimes stamping on human rights. Government export credits

to support arms sales under the supervision of Trade Secretary Michael Heseltine, past few years, it said.

had risen sharply over the At £1.96 billion (\$3.12 billion), they now accounted for

nearly half of all export cre-

"Last year alone, as aid to Africa fell victim to treasury cuts, Michael Heseltine's Export Credit Guarantee Department (ECGD) increased financial backing for arms sales to 'risky markets', by a staggering fivefold in one

year," the WDM said. Last week, the WDM successfully challenged the legality of a British government decision to use part of the overseas aid budget to fund the Pergau dam construction project in Malaysia.

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd was found guilty of acting unlawfully in allowing aid funds to be used for the

The WDM said it was now launching a campaign to change the government's attitude to export credits for arms sales, which provided a safety to export credits for arms sales, which provided a safety net for companies and ttheir banks selling to foreign markets which would otherwise be too costly.

"If the foreign country does not pay up, then the government uses taxpayers' money to foot the bill," the WDM statement said. "Yet ECGD has backed arms sales to countries such as Saudi Arabia, Oman, Nigeria, Turkey and Indonesia, all accused of violating human rights or in regions of ten-

The pressure group said it would deliver giant sweets to department of trade and industry offices Tuesday to publicise its message: "No sweeteners for arms sales".

The government Sunday denied allegations that Britain was using its overseas aid budget to win lucrative arms deal with undemocratic Third World regimes.

A report in Sunday's Observer newspaper said Britain is putting together a huge arms deal, worth an estimated £2 billion (\$3.2 billion) with Indonesia despite calls for a weapons embargo because of Jakarta's buman rights record.

Euro Court curbs European Commission world trade role

European Court of Justice Tuesday curbed the role of the European Commission to negotiate on behalf of European Union (EU) member states in world trade issues, EU sources said.

The long-awaited court pronouncement opens the way for the EU to try to complete ratification of the Uruguay Round trade agreementg by a tight endyear deadline, but raises questions about how the union will conduct its trade policy in future.

The commission had sought confirmation from the court that it has exclusive competence to act for the EU after member states insisted that they as well as the commission should sign the accord setting up the new World Trade Organisation (WTO).

The agreement was signed in Marrakesh in April, and the WTO is due to be established in Geneva at the beginning of January, although other big trading powers such as the United States and Japan also have still not rati-

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The sources said the commission's court action had apparently backfired against it because of the binding opinion that the commission must share world trade negotiating responsibility with member states in services and intellectual property rights (IPR), which are new areas covered in the Uruguay

Eight member states and the EU Council of Ministers opposed the commission in the Luxembourg-based court. They wanted a future say in many areas of the accords on services and IPR negotiated by the commission in the seven-year Uruguay

They argued that the present EU treaties did not cover services and IPR in sufficient detail for the commission alone to negotiate over them at worldwide level, which it does on other matters under rules governing the EU's common commercial policy.

Three countries — Greece, Germany and Britain — have already ratified the accord setting up the WTO and its annexes containing the specific agreements negotiated under GATT on areas such as agriculture, textiles and telecommunications.

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologiec, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Get friends to help you put affairs on a more modern basis and try to side step any argument that could occur under the mid-day Moon square Pluto aspect that is effecting your

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)
Think about how you can best put
your most interesting capabilities
to your advancement and then you will be able to advance towards your aires.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)
Take a good look at your residence and consider what you can do to make it more habitable, then you can add those conditions to achieve this worthwhile purpose.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)
Think about those with whom you have been routinely allied for sometime past and let them know you appreciate and want more constructive progress.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Think about your property and possessions and what you can do to improve them and then quickly put into motion some be-neficial results.

LEO: (July 22 to Angust 21) Decide what your long range plans and ambitions of a personal nature are early, then you can visualise the best means to make them a part of your life.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You now have a chance to organise and analyse your thoughts.

more productive for you in the LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) First consider you long planned for desires and then consider new

and progressive means by which

and ideas so that they can be far

they can become an active part of SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You start the week with good ideas for more stability to worldly activities and reputation, then you can add some additional

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Consider plans for taking a trip that has been planned for sometimes and then add some

further places to go or persons to CAPRICORN: (December 22 to

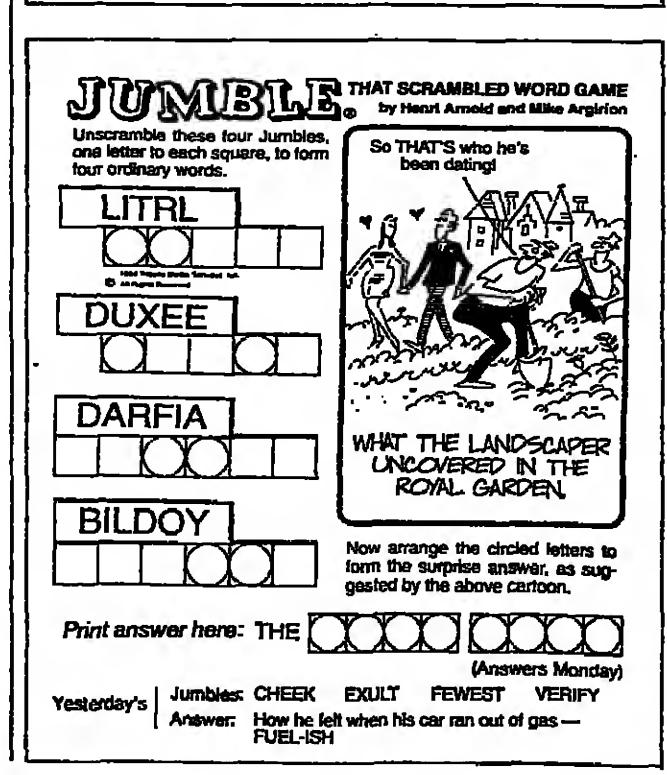
January 20) You have been trying for sometime to get mate to do what you want and if you approach from a different angle you can achieve this result now. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You have one who has been reliable for a long time to assist your early in the day while later a more modern and up to date

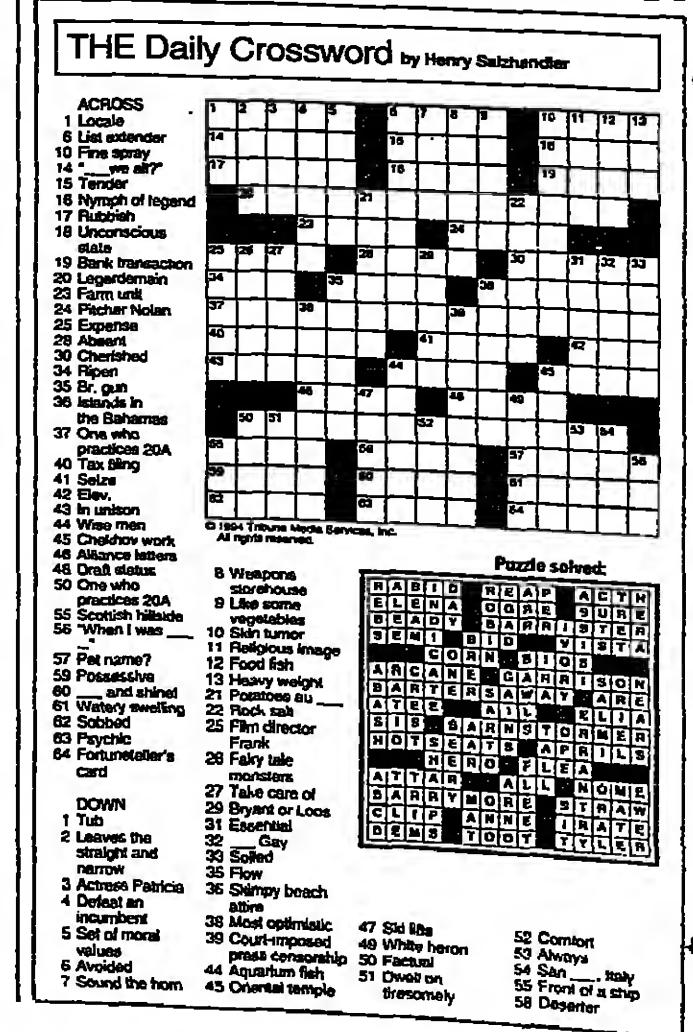
person is helpful. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) This is the day when you can

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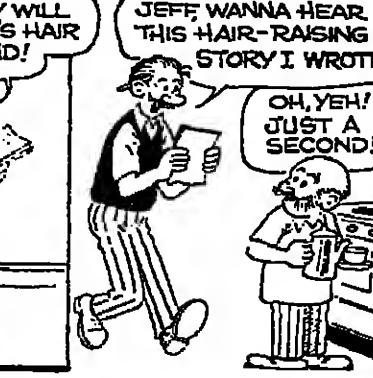


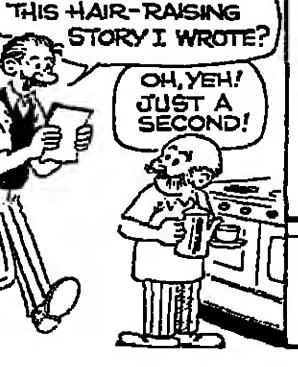




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AMMAN — The Jordan Press and Publications Company, which publishes Al Dustour, the Kigdom's second largest-circulation Arabic language daily, is raising its capital by JD500,000 to JD1.5 million, officials of the company has said.

They said the increase would be effected through the issuance of 500,000 new shares carrying a book value of JD1 each. The shares will be issued free of cost to the company's present stockholders. Each shareholders would get an equivalent of half of his or her present

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that the company has built over the years. The voluntary reserves and retained carnings as well as compulsory deposits of the company stood at JD1.42 million at the end of 1993, representing 142 per cent of the present paidup capital of the company.

A report in the local press said Tuesday that the general assembly of the shareholders had taken the decision to increase capital, and the company had applied to the comptroller of companies for approval-

It said the comptroller of companies had in turn approved the request and recommended to the minister of industry and trade to approve it. The request is now before the council of ministers with a recom-

Trade Minister Rima Khalaf that it be approved, the report said.

The Social Security Council (SSC), a quasigovernment agency, owns 37 per cent of the company's equity, having acquired it in 1988 when the government took over all newspaper establishments. Ownership of the newspapers was returned to its previous owners in the private sector in 1990, but the SSC has continued to retain

its holding. The Jordan Investment Bureau, the government's investment arm, has returned its 15 per cent equity in the company to its previous own-

The market price of the shares of the company went down to JD3.770 from JD14.500 on Tuesday ahead of the anticipated new issue, part of which is expected to enter the Amman Financial Market (AFM). Only 400 shares were traded during the

The Jordan Press and Publishing Company made a net profit of JD1.3 million for the year 1993 and is expected to post a similar if not higher figures this year.

market on upward swing By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The constitutionalised and formal ratification of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty have interacted with year-end anticipations to boost the Amman stock market, where trading as well as stock prices shot up this week, brokers said Tuesday. Also contributing to the upward swing was statement last week that a multi-sectoral and government committee

would study the taxation structure and would take into consideration the concerns of investors before including capital gains for income tax, the brokers said.

The general share price in-_dex based on 60 major companies closed at 150.04 points, up 4.8 points, or nearthree per cent, from the week's opening of 145.8, the daily report of the Amman stock market said Tuesday. The daily turnover for

Tuesday was nearly JD 2.9 million during day's sole morning session. That fell largely in line with the increase in daily trading this week. On Sunday, the daily volume was JD 3.5 million while Saturday's turnover was JD 5 million.

The upward swing was re-

flected in all sectors this week, brokers said, adding that Tuesday's closing figures were up from Saturday's opening although some of them showed declines for the

Trading at Amman stock

According to the brokers, the formalisation of the peace treaty with Israel and indications that 1995 would bring in economic benefits of peace to Jordan were among the major factors that boosted the market.

Also at play was a trend among investors to acquire shares and adopt positons ahead of figures to be released by many companies in December.

"Indications that the move to tax capital gains, including equity rises in the stock market, is being put off until next year were also good news," said a broker, speaking on condition of anonymity in

line with market guidelines. Influencing investors were also signs that Jordan had made a good presentation of its case at the Oct. 30-Nov. 1 economic summit in Casablanca, Morocco, and that the Kingdom could expect serious investor interest, the brokers said.

Jordan presented projects worth \$18 billion to the Casablanca meeting; some of the projects are long term but about \$3 billion in infrastructure expansion and modemisation are expected to be launched soon.

Furthermore, the slow but steady foreign response to Jordan's appeal for debt relief is also influencing inves-

tors who take the move as the strong indication yet of a conviction that the Kingdom's economy was turning around fast and could register a better than expected growth this year.

Also helping the market were indications that relations between Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in Gaza and Jericho could be on the way to improvement after several

months of uncertainty. However, investors are cautious on this count, brokers said. "There have been too many false signals this year, and nobody is willing to bet that relations between Jordan and the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) would return to normal in a matter of weeks," said a banking executive.

The inference was clear: Although Jordan and the PNA have signed economic agreements - which remain unratified and hence unimplemented — it would take some time before the accords could take effect and reflect on prospects of Jordanian businesses even if the two leaderships were to sort out their differences and bring relations onto an even plain.

"Those who prefer to take positions based on mediumterm prospects are taking interests in Jordanian companies seen to benefit from economic interaction with the Palestinian territories," said the broker. "There is very little, if any, short term interest.

Suez Canal cuts tolls for LNG carriers

ISMAILIA, Egypt (R) — The Suez Canal Authority. anxious to deter competition from alternative routes, has cut transit rates for liquefied natural gas (LNG) carriers by 35 per cent.

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ity's transit department said the discount applied both to loaded gas carriers going northwards and to carriers heading south in ballast.

The Suez Canal Authority

had already promised Qatar a 35 per cent discount on any

Qatari gas shipments but the transit tolls did not change until the circular came out last month. The promise was designed

to discourage any Qatari plans to export gas to Europe through a pipeline crossing Israel

"We are not against Qatar's shipping gas to Israel but we are against Israel being a centre for the distribution of Qatari gas to Europe. If this happens it will adversely affect the Suez Canal earnings," authority chairman Ezzat Adel said.last

month. Israeli Energy Minister Moshe Shahal said last week that Enron Corp would probably conclude a deal next month to develop a natural gas field in Qatar and would then begin talks to sell liquefied natural gas from the

field to Israel. He did not mention Qatari gas exports from Israeli

ports. The 35 per cent discount in Egypt's most decisive step in the battle to ensure the canal retains its dominant position as a trade route between Europe and western Asia.

Canal revenue fell 3.2 per cent in the first nine months of the year, mainly because an increase in the capacity of the SUMED pipeline across Egypt has cut oil traffic in the

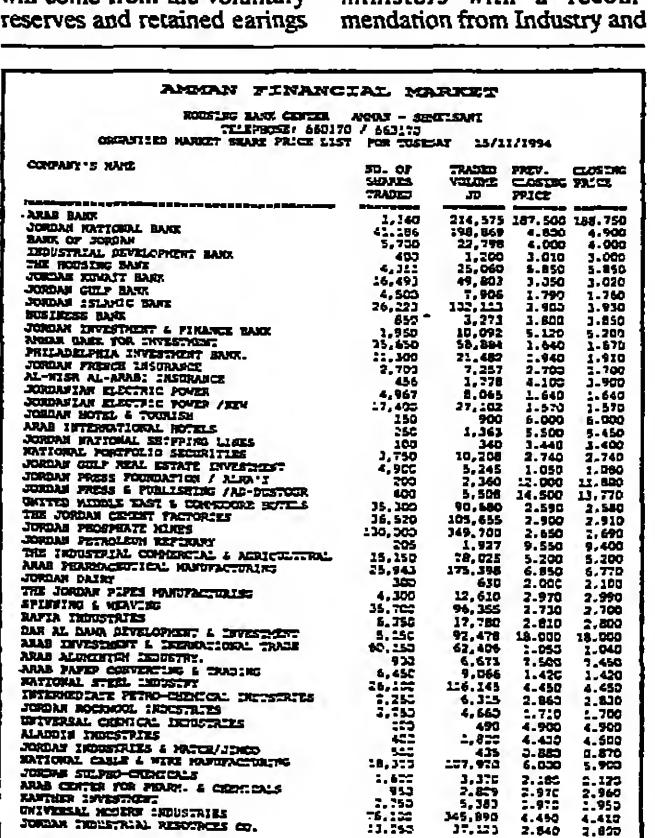
The discount is unlikely to reduce canal earnings further, however, because very few if any natural gas carriers now use it. The United Arab Emirates is the only Gulf country exporting gas, mostly eastwards to Asia.

Vietnam issues first personal cheques

HANOI (R) — Banks started issuing personal chequebooks to individuals in the Vietnamese capital Hanoi Tuesday under a pilot project launched by the central state bank.

The number issued was not immediately known but bankers said the scheme got off to a slow start because people who normally make all their payments in cash-did not like the idea of paying the 2,000 dong (\$0.18) fee levied on each cheque.

The aim of the project is to limit the use of cash and phase out the need to carry suitcases full of banknotes, or a pocket full of small gold bars, to make large pay-



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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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Beckenbauer in charge at Bayern Munich FA charge Grobbelaar

MUNICH (R) — A new era began at Bayern Munich Monday when "Kaiser" Franz Beckenbauer was elected chairman of the club he joined as a fresh-faced teenager in the 1960s and later led to a string of triumphs.

All but 10 of Bayern's 2,928 members who took part in the election in Munich's Olympic Stadium cast their vote for Beckenbauer, who both captained and coached West Germany to World Cup victories.

Beckenbauer, 49, succeeds Fritz Scherer, who will now become one of Bayern's three vice-presidents after being at the helm of Germany's reigning soccer champion for nine years.

"One man alone means nothing," Beckenbauer said after his election. "We can only be strong as a team.'

In this farewell speech, Scherer said he had no regrets about losing his job to Beckenbauer, until now a Bayern vice-president.

"To make way for someone like Franz Beckenbauer is no demotion but a challenge to work with him to make Bayern even stronger than it is now," Scherer said.



for a new president. Beckenbauer was later elected club president and both Rummenigge and Scherer are now two of three vice-presidents (AFP photo)

LONDON (AFP) - Southampton goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar was formally charged by the Football Association Monday over allegations that he took bribes to fix matches.

The FA said the player faces charges of "conduct which is improper or liable to bring the game into dis-repute" and "acceptance of consideration with a view to influencing the result of a match."

Grobbelaar has 14 days in which to answer the charges. An FA disciplinary commission will hear the accusations.

But FA Chief Executive

Graham Kelly gave Grobbelaar the all-clear to continue playing for his club, saying he would not be temporarily suspended and no other action would be taken against him at this stage. Kelly stressed that the goalkeeper was innocent until proven guilty, saying: "I think it would be very extreme to suspend a person until he has a chance to explain himself.

"We want to bend over backwards to be fair to him and allow him to answer the charges."

But Kelly said that hav-ing considered documents and videos relating to the allegations, the FA had concluded there was a case

to answer. Kelly felt it would be difficult for Grobbelaar to continue playing with the charges hanging over him, but said: "That is entirely a

matter for Southampton."
He added: "We view the charges very seriously in-deed. But he has time to reflect upon the charges, to consult with his advisers and come back to us with his explanation."
Lawrie McMenemy,

Southampton's director of football, said: "I'm delighted he's been allowed to carry on playing.
"He will be given the

opportunity to go in there with his solicitor and clear up whatever charges are levelled against him," he added. Southampton now expects

the 37-year-old Zimbabwe goalkeeper to return from international duty in Harare to begin preparations for the game against Arsenal Saturday.

Grobbelaar was due to return to England Monday

but his lawyer Brian Canavan said: "I expect he'll now go back on

Wednesday." Allegations that Grobbelaar took bribes to throw English Premier League matches first surfaced in the

Sun newspaper last week. He has flatly denied the claims and is suing the newspaper, whose video and tape-recorded evidence was passed to FA officials, lawyers and police.

The goalkeeper, a sport-ing hero in Zimbabawe, put the furore aside on Sunday by helping his national side to a 2-1 African Nations Cup victory over Zaire. McMenemy stressed that

Southampton had not yet seen the video tapes, secret-ly filmed by the Sun newspaper.
But he added: "Of aill

the players I have ever dealt with, this Bruce Grobbelaar is a one-off. He can go out there and live with it."

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Grobbelaar Monday slipped out of sight of the media that has hounded him since allegations he accepted bribes to fix match results were published last

Hill puts on brave face; Schumacher denies accusations

LONDON (Agencies) — Damon Hill arrived home Tuesday still trying to erase the disappointment of the Australian Grand Prix from

his mind. The Williams-Renault driver confessed that the way he lost the Formula One drivers' championship to bitter rival Michael Schumacher in Adelaide on Sunday contienues to haunt him.

And as the 34-year-old touched down after an exhausting 22-hour flight from Australia, he admitted that his mind keeps creeping back to the controversial crash with Benetton driver Schumacher which ended his hopes of emulating his late father's title triumphs.

Controversy still rages over whether Schumacher deliberately took Hill out of the race ont he 36th lap, realising that his own race was over with his car wrecked after an error that saw him drive into a

Television screenings appeared to show the German looking in his mirror before swerving across Hill to cause the collision that forced the British driver out and give Schumacher the championship by the slender margin of just one point.

The moment still causes Hill visible pain, but he said: "I'm obviously disappointed by what happened, but I'm not destroyed by it.

Hill still refuses to blame Schumacher for what happened — unlike former world champion Alain Prost and ex-motor cycling star Barry Shene — but he did not hint

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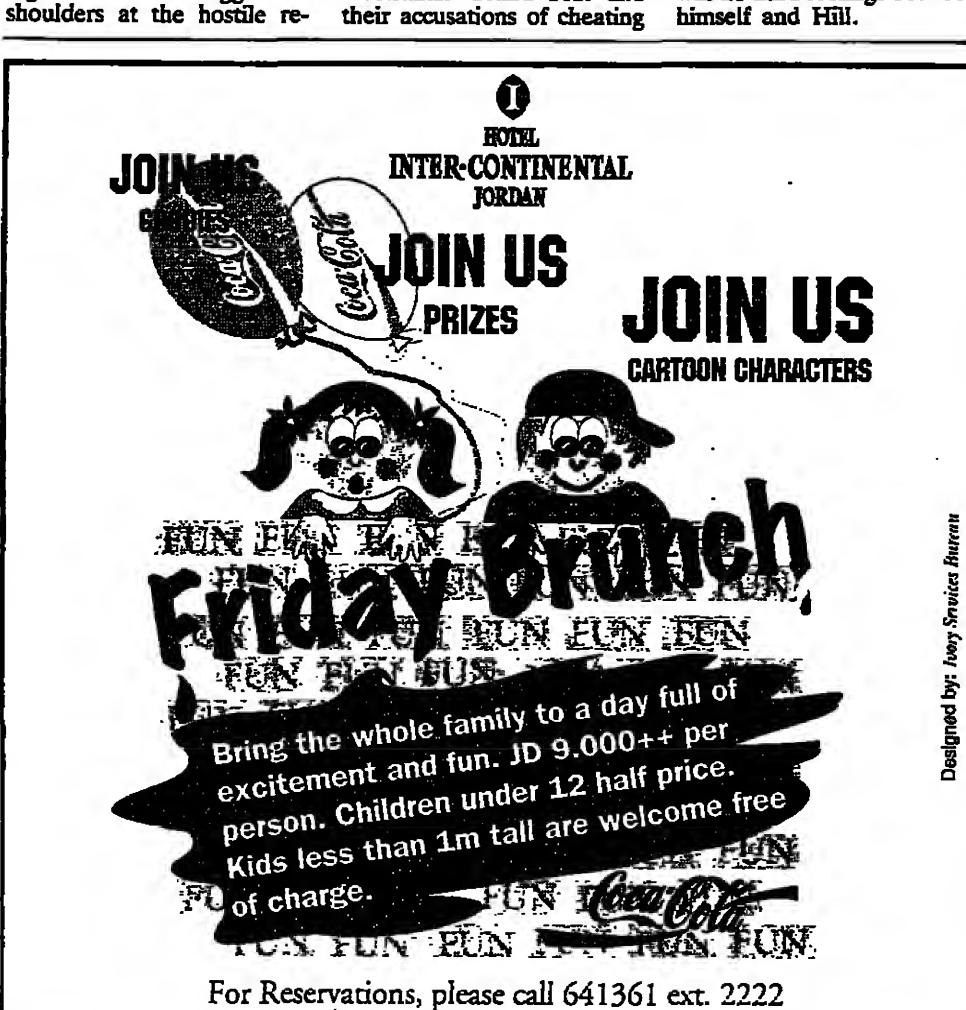
regards the scene as club members gathered to cast their vote

was doing than he was made In Frankfurt, Schumacher denied he had cheated his way to the world motor racing crown and shrugged his

British popular press. British tabloid newspapers were enraged at Schumacher's victory over the Briton after a collision in the Australian Grand Prix and

ception his Formula One vic- were front page news in German papers as Schumacher returned to his homeland.

> Told of the British reaction, Schumacher shrugged his shoulders and said there was no hard feelings between himself and Hill.



Knicks fourth-quarter stall gives Jazz victory

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — 97. New York Knicks coach Pat Riley will have a hard time getting over his team's fourth-quarter performance against the Utah Jazz.

"We got hung up on 88 points forever and just could not get over the hump." Riley said after Utah rallied from an 88-83 deficit with 10 minutes remaining Monday night to rout the Knicks 110-

"They just took it right to us. It was a bad, bad fourth period.... we turned the ball over and they were just get-

ting layups. Antoine Carr scored in the lane to start a 16-0 run, John Stockton tied it with a 3pointer with 9:05 remaining and the Jazz didn't allow another point until they had the game well in hand at 99-88 with five minutes left. in." "I can't explain to you how big this win is," said Karl Malone, who had 29 points and 13 rebounds as the Jazz ended a three-game losing streak.

"Considering what's happened to us — as far as needing one at the right time — this is one of the biggest wins I've ever been involved

Utah outscored New York 31-13 in the final quarter.

"We were right there, right up until Stockton hit sthat 3," New York's Derek Harper said. "They seemed to rally behind that and go from

Stockton, who had 20 points and 14 assists, just beat the shot clock.

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Halard ends Sanchez Vicario's winning streak NEW YORK (AFP) — NEW YORK (Act)

Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, the

best player in women's tennis
this year, was knocked out of
the Virginia Slims Chamreat, he ready pionship Monday by un-France.

Halard, ranked 2nd in the Halard, ranked 2nd in the posted the world num-

30 13 13 15 world, ousted the world number two 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (7-2).

"I played the best tennis I ever did," said Halard, who had the crowd at Madison Square Garden on their feet applauding her tenacity as well as her blistering ground the he spokes.

She trailed 2-4 in the third set but held her serve int he set out used with an ace and see and s broke Sanchez Viacrio in the to the state of the next to level at 4-4.

Halard said that was when she knew for sure she could best Sanchez Vicario, who the straight matches with the \$3.5 million season finale.

there and the way when I came back for 4-all. I began to think that very much," she said.

Halard steamroiled the Spaniard in the opening set. mixing deep ground strokes with short balls, volleys and drop shots to keep her on the

defensive. She had beaten Sanchez Vicario once before, at Wimbledon in 1992. And she knew the Supreme surface was not Sanchez Vicario's favourite. Even so, Halard was aware that she would have to be aggressive to win against a woman who had

and U.S. opens. "With Arantxa it's difficult to finish the rally at the back of the court," Halard said. "In the tiebreaker I knew ! had to go to the net to finish the points."

won eight tournaments this

year, including the French

had nothing to regret. "I'm not disappointed, because I think I played well," she said. "I'm not a machine, I'm a human being. You never can win everything." After winning the first set

Sanchez Vicario said she

"I played very well the first set, but we had some tough rallies. At the beginning of the second set, I didn't have enough breath to run," she said. "My legs were shak-

in 39 miunutes. Halard flag-

In the third, she got a second wind, buoyed by the

support of the vocal New play my best."

Halard wrapped up the match in two hours and 14 minutes when Sanchez Vicar-

io blasted a forehand service return straight into the net. In the second round. Halard will face the winner of the match between Martina Navratilova and Gabriela Sabatini.

In Monday's earlier singles, eighth-seeded Kimiko Date of Japan beat Sabine Hack of Germany 6-3, 6-0. Date, seeded eighth and

making her first appearance

Season ending Slims Championships begin

York crowd.

in the final of the women's tennis season, trailed by a break at 2-3 in the first set. But she won the next 10 games to wrap up the match in 57 minutes over the German, who got into the event as an alternate when Bulgarian Magdalena Maleeva

Date, currently ranked 10th in the world after reaching a high of number five, was thrilled to be playing in the championships for the first time.

"I cannot even believe it," she said. "This is a tournament I dreamed about. That's why I really want to

Martina begins final tournament

All eyes will be on the 38-year-old crowd favourite. "If you go back 10-15 years ago, it wasn't anything like that," Pam Shriver said. "But they grew to know her, and the barriers came down the barriers of someone with a funny name and a funny accent. With a different lifestyle, with muscles and going against Chris Evert, who was... Chris Evert.

"People got to understand her better, ...in the end, they saw enough of her emotion on the court, and they got to know her history. ... The next thing you know, people feel they grew up with Martina. She's been around for 20some years."

Since 1973, actually, when she joined the pro tour. And in that span she has won a record 167 singles titles more than any other man or woman — and a record 165 doubles crowns.

She has played 1,649 matches and won 1,438 of them. In 1983, she posted an incredible 86-1 match record. In a three-year span from 1982 through 1984, she lost a total of six matches while winning 254.

This year, she has won just one title — the Paris Indoors in February. Unless she wins here, she will snap her streak of winning two or more singles titles each yeare since

The Garden has been the scene of some of her greatest triumphs. Whether the tournament was in March or in November, Navratiloval has dominated, winning seven singles and 11 doubles titles and reaching the singles title match four other times. All of that winning has

"It will be very interesting," said Craig Kardon, Navratilova's coach. "I think if she could put all her emotions aside as to this being her last match or last week, then

been lucrative. She has

earned more than \$20 mil-

I think she can play well. "But when she gets in her matches, she gets a little bit careful. I think she is worried about how everybody is going to remember. She is trying to be a little bit too perfect."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Shabab Al Hussein lose in Arab volleyball tourney

BEIRUT (Petra) — Jordan's Shabab Al Hussein lost 3-0 to Al Busheierh in the opening match of the 13th Arab Volleyball Championship which began in the Lebanese capital Tuesday. Ten Arab countries are participating in the competition.

Med Games hope to link Israel and Palestine

Palestine and Arab countries at the Mediterranean Games at Bari, Italy, in 1997. Claude Collard, president of the Med Games Committee, said Tuesday before leaving for an Executive Commission meeting in Bari he expected to be able to obtain majority ted. Collard intends to meet delegates from Syria, Libya and Lebanon to make sure they would abide by a majority decision. He said admitted separately. Israel, barred from the Asian Games since 1978, was last week admitted to the European Association of National Olympic Committees. Palestine is a award. member of the Olympic Council of Asia and had a competitor at the Asian Games in Careca joins J-League football Hiroshima, Japan, last month.

Baseball owners to make new offer

NEW YORK (AFP) — Baseball club owners will try to break the impasse in the 95-day new offer since June 14 Thursday. The proposal was not expected to contain a limit on salaries, which the players say they will never accept. Instead, a tax on clubs with the highest payrolls and revenues may be the way out. Owners rejected the proposal when it Spurs appoint Francis was made by players in September and cancelled the season. The tax would be about LONDON (AFP) - Gerry Francis has been 1.6 per cent on the 16 top clubs by revenue and 1.6 per cent on the top 16 clubs by salary. Money would go to less well-off clubs.

Samaranch to meet Mandela

LAUSANNE (AFP) — International Olympic Committee President Juan-Antonio Samaranch is to meet South African President Nelson Mandela as part of an African trip which starts Wednesday. Samaranch heads a delegation of top Olympic officials, although no dates were given in the IOC's brief announcement Monday. The group includes Mario Vazquez-Rana, head of the Association of National Olympic Committees, Keba Mbaye of the IOC's executive committee, Jean-Claude Ganga, head of the Association of African National Olympic Committees and Fekrou Kidane, the IOC's director of international cooperation.

Quebec on course for Olympics

QUEBEC CITY (AFP) — The International

head of the bidding committee, said. The International Olympic Committee announces a short list of four candidates from the nine bidding cities on Jan. 24. The IOC session at Budapest in June will make the final choice Salt Lake City (Utah), Sion (Switzerland), Ostersund (Sweden) and Quebec are favourites to make the final four.

More honours for Colin Jackson

PARIS (AFP) - Israel may compete against LONDON (AFP) - British hurdler Colin Jackson was named as his country's Sports Personality of the Year Monday. The Welsh athlete received his award from the Princess Royal at a star studded ceremony at London's Cafe Royal. Cardiff-born Jackson was unbeaten over the 110 metres hurdles this year approval for Palestine and Israel being admit- as he retained his Commonwealth and European titles. He was awarded 20 onekilogramme gold bars earlier this season for winning each of the 'golden four' Grand Prix' there was no question of Palestine being meetings at Oslo, Zurich, Brussels and Berlin. Jackson beat other nominees including women's world number one golder Laura Davies and racing driver Damon Hill for the

TOKYO (AFP) — Brazilian striker Careca finally secured a berth in the J-League next season when his team, Kashiwa Reysol, were promoted from the second division Tuesday Cerezo Osaka were also promoted by the strike by players when they make their first board of directors, bringing the J-League to 14 teams for next season. Careca was runnerup to leading scorer Gary Lineker of England in the 1986 World Cup. He joined Reysol from Napoli last year.

confirmed as the new manager of Tottenham Hotspur in succession to Ossie Ardiles. Chairman Alan Sugar made the announcement Tuesday to end the uncertainty at White Hart Lane after Ardiles was dismissed two weeks ago. Francis, who walked out on Queens Park Rangers following a disagreement with the board last week, has been hot favourite to take over the North London Club after David Pleat rejected the chance to rejoin the club as general manager. Francis said: "It was sad to leave QPR but this is a new chapter in my life. We've got a very talented squad here."

Swiss choose clay court for Davis Cup tie

GENEVA (R) — Switzerland have chosen an indoor clay surface for their Davis Cup World Group first round tie against the Netherlands next February 3-5 in Geneva's Palexpo Exhibition Hall. Swiss non-playing captain Stephane Oberer said Tuesday the decision was made jointly with Davis Cup stalwarts Marc Rosset and Jakob Hlasek as the big-Skiing Federation has approved two sites for serving Dutch led by Richard Krajicek were the men's downhill if Quebec City is awarded less effective on the slower surface. Rosset the 2002 Winter Olympics. "It's a very impor- won the Olympic gold-medal on clay in tant decision because it means all our com- Barcelona in 1992 and, partnered by Hlasek, petition sites have been approved by the took the French and Italian Open doubles international federations," Rene Paquet, titles in the same year on similar courts.

ves Jazz victor Tennis goes rock 'n' roll at ATP Tour finals

ş isinnics left FRANKFURT (AFP) aid he was hen m, sant hat! The ATP trotted out rock'n' had 20 munn roll tennis at the kick-off to this week's three million dollar Tour Finals, but dressed its main characters in stiff thits and ties.

Only Andre Agassi, the when the late 海·森田斯斯 对基础的 what's hap-

non-conformist U.S. Open

champion, bucked the dress : Excede of dark suit, blue shirt and patterned tie which adorned the likes of Pete

Sampras, Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Spaniards Sergi Bruguera and Alberto Berasategui and American Michael Chang.

The bearded Agassi appeared on stage in jeans, a white T-shirt, blazer and cowboy boots. For once, his long hair flowed free instead of being crammed in under a trademark baseball hat. "If I play like I have for the

past three months (when he has compiled a formidable 21-1 match record and three tournament titles), I like my chances against anybody," said the world number two.

Agassi is expected to dominate the four-man Red Group, which features Chang, Bruguera and Berasategui.

"The question is how long can you keep up the level.

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hope to play better than I have been, otherwise I'll probably be a step behind,"

> The presentation of the finals was made among the chaos of FanFest, the Tour's travelling roadshow of tennis games, multi-media demonstrations and skill tests for the public.

Hundreds of schoolchildren and teenagers flocked to

an exhibition hall for the event, where loud rock music set the mood of 1990s tennis. Agassi and Becker got the biggest cheers from the fans. The White Group, with Sampras at the top, is by far

the toughest.

Also playing for the top two slots and places in the semi-finals are the serve and volley brigade of Goran Ivanisevic, Becker and Edberg.

"It's always easier indoors against a baseliner," said Edberg, who qualified for the year-end event for a 10th consecutive time. "At least you can make them

Becker is the only German taking part after Michael Stich, the defending champion, was knocked out of contention with a first round defeat in Antwerp last week.

Mansell top British earner

LONDON (AFP) - Nigel Mansell was Britain's highest earning sports star in the past 12 months, according to figures released Tuesday.

A BBC Radio Sports Year-

book has Mansell picking up

nine million pounds for his 12 months work as Indy Car and Formula One driver to oust boxer Lennox Lewis from pole position.

Lewis drops to second place on £5.2 million, with Chris Eubank moving up to third on 3.4 million.

Golfer Colin Montgomerie is a newcomer to the charts, while Frank Bruno, snooker player Steve Davis and chess 10. (8) Nigel Benn genius Nigel Short all slide into comparative poverty and are off the list from last year.

Compilers of the book have 400 metre hurdler Sally Gunnell as the highestearning woman with 450,000

Top earners between Nov. 1, 1993 and Nov. 1, 1994 with last year's position in brack-

1. (2) Nigel Mansell £5.2 2. (1) Lennox Lewis 3. (9) Chris Eubank £3.4 4. (3) Nick Faldo 5. (4) David Platt 6. (5) Paul Gascoigne 6. (9) Gary Lineker 8. (11) Stephen Hendry £1.4 8. (—) Colin Montgomerie

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you bold: Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you West's opening bid of one diamond is passed round to you. What action

do you take? A .- Your hand has neither the strength nor the distribution for a halancing takeout double and we would like a tad more to balance with one no trump, especially in diamonds. Since we don't believe in letting the opponents play unhin-dered at the one-level, we would halance with one heart, despite the fact we have only a four-card suit.

Q.2—Both sulperable, as South **★A84** TKQ95 A76 **★**A103 Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

A.—The answer depends on your no-trump range. If you play 16-18 points, jump to six no trump; if it is 15-17, invite with four no trump. With a hand that does not contain a

Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you 4A9854 TQ :A954 #762 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West 1 4 Pass 1 4 Pass 2 NT Pass ?

ruffing value, we would not bother

to explore for a possible 4-4 fit in

What do you bid now? A.—Partner's rebid shows a balanced 19-20 points, so rule out all thoughts of slam. Raise to three no trump. Don't even think about rebidding your poor five-card spade suit or introducing diamonds both those actions would indicate slam aspirations.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South

♦KQ9 TAK954 TAQ762 ♦Void The bidding has proceeded: South West North East

What action do you take? A.—You have a good hand, both in terms of high cards and distribution, and the best way to advise

partner of your strength is to redouble. A bid of two diamonds would tend to show a more distributional two-suiter with fewer high cards and a jump to three diamonds would promise a better suit. Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South you bold:

±AQ84 TQ10762 ∵KJ3 **±**K What is your opening bid?

A.—There are hands with which we would open one spade when holding four spades and five hearts. but this is not one of them. Should partner respond one no trump we have an easy rebid regardless of methods. Our minor-suit holdings are such that we could pass comfortably, or rebid two diamonds if partner's response was forcing.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you +A1097632 TAQ976 : Void +Q Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one club. What action do you take? A .- First, let's eliminate two takeout bids. Never make a takeout dou-

ble on a two-suited hand. And if a cue-bid by you would show a twosuiter, you won't know what to do after partner responds in hearts. We would bid either one spade or four spades, with a leaning toward the former, since it keeps open i chance for slam if partner has some key values, or superior fit in bearts.

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Israel to take calculated risks

for peace," Mr. Rabin said.

Benjamin Netanyahu said

last week Israel should pre-

pare for a cut in aid following

the thrashing of President

Bili Clinton's Democratic

Party in congressional elec-

Mr. Netanyahu, the Likud

Party chief, said the vote

signalled a desire to treat

problems at home rather than

But Mr. Peres told repor-

ters on Tuesday: "We have

very good relations with both

parties. Also, the foreign re-

NEWS IN BRIEF

& killed, 60 injured in Algeria jail mutiny

ALGIERS (AFP) — At least eight inmates were killed and

60 injured on Monday in a mutiny started by Muslim

fundamentalists at Berrouaghia prison, 80 kilometres south

of Algiers, the press reported Tuesday. One paper gave the

number of dead as 11 after the security forces intervened.

The mutiny began Sunday when some 20 inmates armed

with knives, forks and other sharp weapons, tried to seize

control of the prison, notably by setting fire to their

bedding. Around 800 detainees are being held at the jail,

the majority sentenced by special courts set up to deal with

charges of terrorism and subversion, according to the daily

El Watan El Watan said there had been inadequate

surveillance of the inmates and their families. Muslim

prisoners had been giving common criminals instruction in

"jihad" (holy war). Last March 1,000 Islamic fundamental-

ists escaped from a prison at Tazoult. Around half of them

were killed by security forces pursuing them after the

BEIRUT (AP) — The Greenpeace ship SV Rainbow

warrior docked at Beirut port Tuesday on an unpre-

cedented visit by the environmental group to Lebanon. The

ship, with 23 experts aboard, will spend four days in

·Lebanon, which is grappling with ecological problems

-compounded by the 1975-1990 civil war. "The visit is

designed to introduce the international environmental

organisation to the Lebanese people and to help raise

awareness of environmental problems," said Mario Dama-

to, Greenpeace Mediterranean coordinator. An exhibition

to "illustrate the meaning of clean production and its

feasibility in today's beleaguered Mediterranean environ-

ment," will be on display aboard the ship, he said in a

statement. "We look forward to talks with Lebanese from

all walks of life and to broadening the debate around the

issue of clean production in Lebanon," added Mr. Damato.

.The vessel has been in the Mediterranean since August.

Carbomb explodes near Turkish embassy

BELGRADE (AFP) — A carbomb exploded Tuesday

near the Turkish embassy and the Serbian presidential

palace in Belgrade, police said. Police said a passenger of

the car was injured in the blast but according to a Turkish

diplomat, who asked not to be named, a passenger in the

yehicle was killed. The diplomat said he did not believe the

Turkish embassy was the larget. The car blew up 20 metres

from the embassy in front of the headquarters of a

Belgrade company, Interkomerc. While windows close to

the car were shattered, the embassy itself was left intact.

The state news agency, Tanjug, attributed the explosion to

ADEN (AP) — A British company has struck gas in

commercial quantities in the southern Yemeni province of

.Hadramaut, Oil Ministry officials said Tuesday. British

Gas made the discovery as its team was drilling the last well

to which it is committed in a concession area, known as

Block 9. Hadramaut is about 650 kilometres southeast of

the port city of Aden. The company was evaluating the

strike, said the officials, who did not wish to be named.

They said that British Gas also holds 49 per cent in Block

35, and the whole of Block 38 on the Red Sea island of

Socotra. The company is to start with seismic surveys and

'drill two exploration wells in 1995 in the 3,000 square-

British Gas strikes in Hadramaut

a grenade in a Swiss-registered car.

Greenpeace ship docks at Beirut

Israeli opposition leader

would be a sharp cut.

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Peres said.

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin vowed ahead of a trip to Washington on Tuesday to safeguard U.S. aid to Israel, amid growing fears among .Israelis the new Congress will cut their \$3 billion-a-year-·package.

Mr. Rabin, due in the Unlited States on Wednesday, 'said Israel needed the aid for its security and to help finance peace deals with Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) especially in the face of lattacks by Palestinian oppo-

· The package — \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic aid — is more aid than any other country receives from the :United States.

"I'll meet elements in America concerning what they call the 1996 budget years which begins on Oct. 1, 1995... to ensure the size of aid is maintained," Mr. :Rabin told reporters at an Israeli army post in the Gaza

He and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres tried to brush aside fears, boosted by an Israeli newspaper report on Tuesday, that the new Republican-led Congress would cut aid.

"I feel quite self-assured that it won't happen," Mr. Peres told reportes when asked if he feared a short-or

long-term cut. Israel's biggest newspaper Yedioth Ahronoth ran a headline across its front page screaming: "Threat to halt

breakout.

lations of the United States is civilian aid from the United States — \$1.2 billion." bipartisan, and I hope that will also remain the situa-The newspaper said arch-

conservative Republican Asked how it would be Senator Jesse Helms, due to head the Foreign Relations possible to reach a peace accord with Syria if the Un-Committee in the new Conited States withheld aid to Damascus, Mr. Peres said: "I officials with a proposal to wouldn't jump to concluhait the \$1.2 billion in econosions. Let's negotiate and then we shall see. "I would like to see a very

Israeli politicians have aiways perceived U.S. aid as an important issue with an electorate that is one of the most heavily taxed in the

The U.S. administration pointedly withheld loan guarantees to Israel until Mr. Rabin took office in 1992 on a promise to reduce government support for Jewish settlement in occupied lands which flourished under his "Americans from all parright-wing predecessor Yitzhak Shamir.

> "Most of the civilian aid is for reimbursing Israeli debts to the American government," Mr. Peres told Israel radio ahead of Mr. Rabin's departure.

A Bank of Israel spokesman told AFP that Israel pays \$1.2 billion a year to service the debts, which werre run up in the 1970s and early 1980s when American military aid was provided as a

For the past decade, however, this aid has been given as a straight grant. Mr. Peres added that military aid should not be

(Continued on page 3)

PLO likely

meeting in

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) — The Palestine

Liberation Organisation

(PLO) Executive Committee

was expected to delay its

meeting set for Tuesday in

autonomous Gaza City be-

cause not enough members

Suleiman Najjab, a leader

of the Palestinian Communist

Party, told the East Jeru-

salem newspaper Al Quds

that he refused to take part in

the first Executive Commit-

tee session to be staged in

agreement for such a meeting

to be held in Gaza and not

Tunis, where the PLO has its

official headquarters and the

Executive Committee is

His refusal to attend raised

to seven the number of Ex-

ecutive Committee members

The 18-member committee

needed a quorum of 12 to

meet on Tuesday, or eise the

session would be delayed for

a day, until Wednesday, with

a quorum of at least nine,

Since the launch of Palesti-

nian self-rule in May, seven

Executive Committee mem-

bers have been based in

Gaza, including PLO Execu-

tive Committee Chairman

ing abroad — Ali Ishaq and

Mahmoud Ismail — had

joined them by Tuesday, a

public holiday in the self-rule

areas for the anniversary of

the PLO's proclamation of a

Palestinian state on Nov. 15,

Before Mr. Najjab, several

members based in Tunis and

Amman had rejected meet-

ing in Gaza and warned that

Palestinian unity could be

Among those refusing to

attend is PLO Political De-

partment chief Farouq Kad-

doumi. He called such a

meeting "premature so long

as the Israeli enemy has not

withdrawn from all of Palesti-

ber, Mahmoud Abbas known

as Abu Mazen, was also not

expected to attend, according

to a Palestinian source in

Tunis where the PLO was

headquartered before the

launch of autonomy in May.

committee members said

Sunday they would stay away

for similar reasons to Mr.

Kaddoumi. Two urged a

Mr. Kaddoumi began a

three-day visit to Pakistan on

Tuesday, officials said in Isla-

He held talks with Foreign

Minister Assef Ahmad Ali

and signed a protocol on eco-

nomic and cultural coopera-

tion-Mr. Kaddoumi was also

expected to meet Prime

Minister Benazir Bhutto.

boycott of the meeting.

mabad.

In Jordan, another four

Another committee mem-

Another two members liv-

based," said Mr. Najjab.

staying away.

under PLO rules.

Yasser Arafat.

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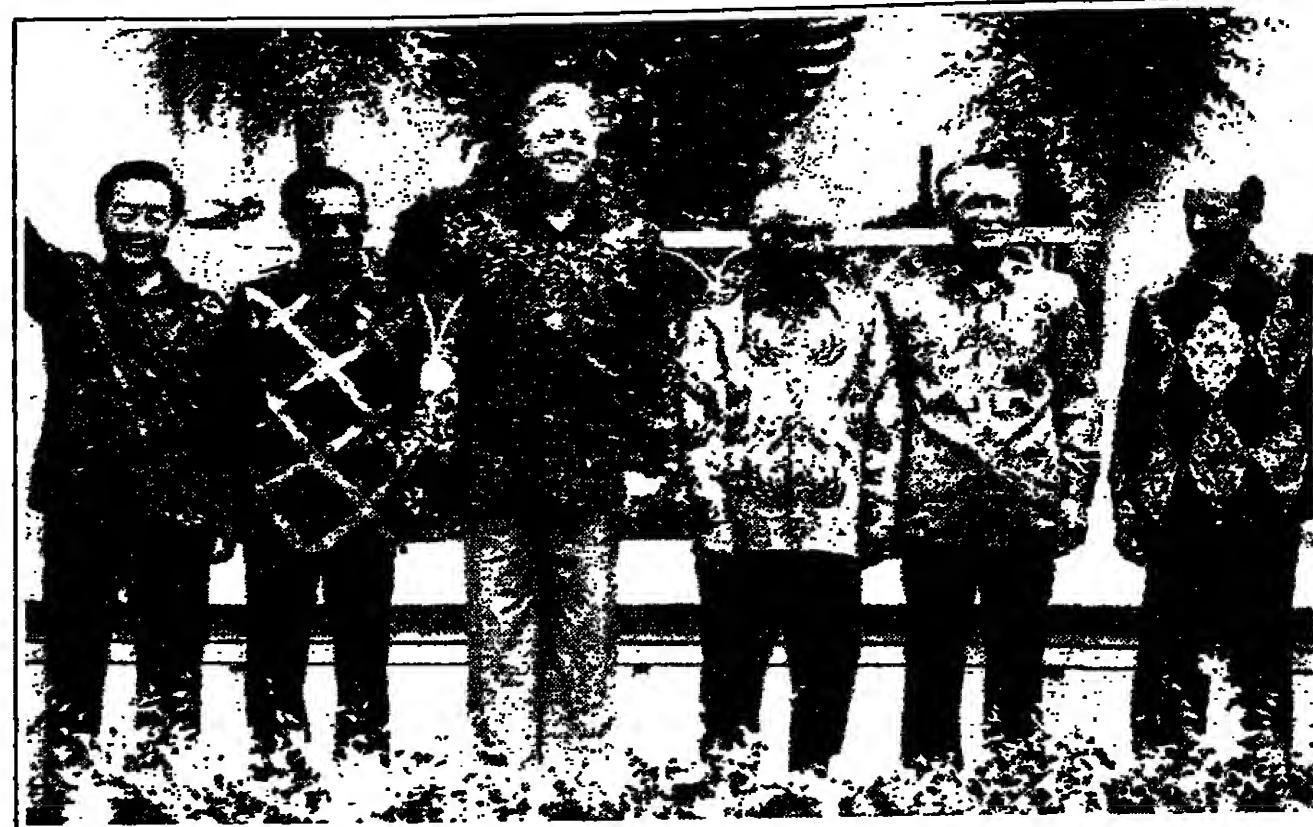
nian territory."

There has not been any

to delay

Gaza

agreed to attend.



APEC LEADERS: Leaders wave during the group photograph on the back steps of Bogor Palace at the sixth Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum (see page one). (From left) South Korean President Kim Young Sam, Malaysian Prime Minister

Mahathir Mohammad, U.S. President Bill Clinton. Indonesian President Suharto, Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama and Mexican President Carlos Salinas (AFP photo)

Turkey, Greece play down Aegean conflict

ANKARA (Agencies) — Ankara played down the threat of armed conflict between Turkish and Greek navies exercising in the Aegean on Tuesday, one day before a new treaty takes effect giving Greece the right to expand its territorial wa-

"There will be no incidents if nothing comes from the other (Greek) side," Foreign Minister Mumtaz Soysal was quoted as saying overnight to the Anatolian news agency. Mr. Soysal spoke in the Hague after meeting Greek counterpart Karolos Papoulias. "We don't expect the other side to take a decision that will compel us to use force. They will not take a step that will produce a bad

His words were the latest reaffirmation of Ankara's position that it will fight if Greece extends its territorial

troops fired in the air and

clashed with stone-throwing

Greek Cypriot demonstrators

amid protest rallies Tuesday

to mark the !1th anniversary

of the creation of a break-

away state in occupied north-

dents were slightly injured by

flying stones in the village of

Dherynia on the outskirts of

the Turkish-occupied port

city of Famagusta. It was not

clear if any Turkish Cypriots

or mainland troops were hurt

Elsewhere along the green

line which slices the island

into Turkish Cypriot and

Greek Cypriot sectors the

rallies were relatively more

Thousands of Greek Cyp-

riots had thronged to the

demarcation line since the

early morning to denounce

the Turkish Cypriots' proc-

lamation of independence on

given time off from schools to

stage the rallies, which have

They were mainly students

on the other side.

peaceful.

Nov. 15, 1983.

Police said at least 10 stu-

em Cyprus.

Turkish troops fire in

NICOSIA (AP) — Turkish become an annual ritual.

air to disperse protesters

waters to 12 nautical miles in the Aegean Sea, a move which Turks say would effectively deny Turkish ships passage to the high seas.

Greece says its parliament will ratify the Law of the Sea Convention granting the 12mile limit but has not said if and when it will enforce it. Turkey has no plans to sign the treaty.

"There are certain things we cannot permit," Turkish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller said. "We are not exploiting this issue internationally. Weare not aggressors. We are not provocateurs."

In Athens, government spokesman Evangelos Venizelos repeated Greece's insistence it would not proceed with the extension.

Mr. Venizelos repeated his earlier insistence made Monday that Nov. 16 was not a significant date as "nothing is going to change" and that

Carrying Greek and Cyp-

riot flags, they gathered

along the demarcation line.

policed by United Nations

In Dherynia, the students

broke through Greek Cypriot

police lines and a human

barrier created by U.N. sol-

diers. As they got close to the

Turkish troops' front line, the

Undeterred by the warning

shots, the students began

pelting the other side with

stones and the Turkish troops

responded in kind, police

spokesman Glafcos Xenos

said. He said the injured stu-

dents were taken to nearby

hospitals, but none of them

out 3,000 demonstrated at

the Ledra Palace crossing be-

tween the northern and

But Greek Cypriot riot

policemen manned barbed

wire barricades and blocked

repeated attempts by the

youths to break into the buf-

In the capital. Nicosia, ab-

was in serious condition.

southern sectors.

fer zone.

firing began.

"interpret erroneously" Greece's position on the Mr. Venizelos had also

said Monday the Greek parliament would ratify the sea convention in accordance with the policy of its European union allies, saying the terms of the convention would not have any immediate effect.

Mr. Soysal had earlier forecast an "apocalypse" and a Turkish victory if war broke out between the two rivals on the subject.

Ankara feels the convention, in awarding Greece 71.5 per cent of the Aegean as against its present 43.5 per cent, would result in an "unacceptable hegemony" for. Athens as a regional maritime power.

Greece has said it has the "sovereign right" to extend

Turkish leaers should not its waters but claims the move is not one of its "priori-

> Monday to defuse the tension as their foreign ministers met arms embargo.

Papoulias declared separate military manoeuvres by both sides this week would not be undermined by "incident."

Washington for both nations to reschedule the operations.

But both sides moved

in the Dutch city of Noordwijk on the fringes of the Western European Union meeting over the Bosnian "We will give nobody the

satisfaction of seeing two neighbours make war on one another," Mr. Soysal said, while Greek counterpart

In the meantime, Turkey continued with its manoeuvres in the Aegean, while Greece is set to start its own exercises in the area this week, despite a call from

heads the list of Israel potential enemies, followed by Egypt, Iraq and Iran, the

leading Israeli strategic analyst said here Tuesday. "Syria is the greatest threat," said analyst Yistah Shapir at a press conference

the Middle East Military Ba-

rather new in the Middle East," he said. Mr. Shapir listed Egypt

second because, despite 15 "one cannot disregard the Egypt was the first country to use such missiles against Israel in 1973.

Iraq was today only the

"gain the capability to produce chemical weapons in very short time."

"As long as Saddam Hussein is in power, I don't think he will give up his desire to acquire such weapons."

reactors is not the direct route to nuclear arms."

Alpher, warned that despite the strategic gains for Israel from peace with Jordan and autonomy for the Palestinians, "the hard part is ahead."

He urged Israel to close off the Gaza Strip and West Bank permanently, keeping Palestinians out totally until peace could be ensured.

'Syria, Egypt, Iraq and Iran Israel's enemies' TEL AVIV (AFP) — Syria was lifted, Baghdad would

to launch the annual study of

lance by Tel Aviv's Jafee Centre for Strategic Studies. "It has Scud missiles, it has chemical warheads for the missiles. It is gaining more missiles from North Korea and acquiring a capability to produce them, which is

years of peace with Israel, existing capability to produce Scuds." Mr. Shapir recalled

third major threat but Mr. Shapir warned that once the U.N. embargo on the country

"There is absolutely no hard evidence that Iran is going to develop nuclear weapons," insisted the analyst. "Buying nuclear

The centre's director, Josef

He said the wave of extremism had yet to peak and that the redeployment of Israeli troops on the West Bank would only create "one hundred flash points"

1,000 killed in Algeria in 9 days — FIS "Everyone knows that

BONN (AFP) — The Algerian military killed over 1,000 people, mostly civilians, in Algeria in a nine-day period at the beginning of this month, the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) said in a communique sent to the AFP office here Tuesday.

The communique charged that the Algerian military was responsible for an attack which killed four boy scouts on Nov. 1 during ceremonies commemorating Algeria's war of independence from France.

The military used the images of the attack — and of the c hild victims — to launch a media blitz against the fundamentalists it blamed. FIS said, however, it had

not carried out that attack and said government forces were to blame for the murder of two sisters that the government claimed had been killed by Islamic fundamentalists because they refused to enter into illegal "temporary marriages" with Islamic militants.

The communique said that the two sisters were in fact killed because their brothers were Islamic militants and their parents were supporters of the "Islamic project."

Sunni Muslims do not allow temporary marriages," the communique said. Sunni Muslims represent the main religion in Algeria. The communique added

that most of the people killed at the start of the month were "innocent civilians savagely massacred" as part of a sweeping military campaign to terrorise the population. "The bodies are thrown on public roads, showing signs of

mutilation and horrible torture," the communique said. It added that the government had banned various newspapers to prevent them from publishing the truth about the attacks and had distributed weapons to fuel conflicts setting one part of the

population against another. The FIS also charged that the government has received shipments of sophisticated weapons including fuel oxygen bombs that wipe out any living organism within a vicinity of one kilometre. It said some of the

weapons were furnished by an unidentified European country. The authorities in Algeria reported that seven Muslim militants were killed Sunday and Monday during two separate raids.

They said five of the militants were killed Monday near the eastern town of Constantine and two others were killed Sunday near the western town of Relizane.

The FIS and other Islamic groups in Algeria have waged a campaign to topple the government since January 1992, after the military intervened to cancel the second round of elections the FIS was poised to win.

The international human rights group Amnesty International said in a report last month that some 20,000-30,000 people have died in Algeria since 1992 in violence blamed on both sides of the

The emergence of an Islamic government in Algeria is "only a matter of time," a senior FIS member said in an interview published in Beirut Tuesday.

Anwar Hadam, head of the FIS parliamentary delegation abroad, told the Lebanese newspaper Al Nahar in Washington that if an Islamic state were not achieved through dialogue it would be obtained through "jihad" (holy war).

"We had hoped that this could be peaceful i'ut they forced the jihad on us and they are destroying our institutions," Mr. Hadam said. He said Western countries, namely France, were responsible for this situation. The jihad for us is a

means not a goal," Mr. Hadam said.

But Mr. Hadam said the FIS was still committed to finding a peaceful solution with the government through negotiations provided FIS leaders inside and outside Aigeria were allowed to meet to map out a unified position. Such a meeting would mean official recognition of the FIS, he said.

Mr. Hadam denounced the current government in Algiers as "illegitimate." He called on the army to return to barracks and blamed the government for the situation in Algeria.

Mr. Hadam also expressed opposition to plans by President Liamine Zeroual to hold presidential elections next year saying: "We consider the current government unconstitutional and any decision it takes is unconstitution-

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34-year-old author wins top prize

PARIS (AFP) - France's most coveted literary prize, the Prix Goncourt, was awarded Monday to 34-yearold Didier Van Cauwelaert for his novel "Un Aller Simple" (A One-Way Ticket), the jury announced. Although the cash value of the prize, instituted in 1903, is only 50 francs (\$9) the resultant publicity assures the winner of huge sales. By tradition the prize is awarded by the 10 members of the jury following a gourment lunch at a top Paris restaurant. Van Cauwelaert is the author of seven novels and several theatrical pieces. His winning work is described as a mixture of comedy and tragedy. In the first round of voting there was a tie between "Un Aller Simple" and "La Fille Du Gobernator" by Paule Constant, each receiving five votes. Van Cauwelaert won on the casting vote of the president of the jury, writer Herve Bazin. Another major literary prize, the Prix Renaudot, was awarded to Guillaume Le Touze, aged 26, for his noval "Comme Ton Pere" (Like Your Father).

New high-profile charity role for Diana

LONDON (R) — Britain's Princess Diana assumed highprofile charity role after a troubled year of semi-retirement. She attended a reception where British Red Cross officials announced she was to head their fund-raising campaign for next year's 125th anniversary of the organisation. Newspapers, awash with stories of royal books picturing Princess Diana as lonely and unstable but determined to fight a hostile royal machine, have heralded this as the end of a withdrawal from public life she declared suddenly last December. "I'm coming back with a vengeance, you ain't seen nothing yet" one newspaper quoted her as saying earlier this month. Princess Diana, who will be the figurehead for the Red Cross celebrations and fund-raising ventures across the country. looked relaxed and chatted animatedly with other special guests at the event in a central London mansion. The estranged wife of heir-to-thethrone Prince Charles did not speak publicly at the launch. A Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said Princess Diana had gradually increased her public engagements in recent weeks but added, "this (Red Cross role) should not be seen as a 'comeback'."

Milan museum asks to exhibit 'Codex Hammer'

MILAN (R) — A Milan museum said that it wanted to show Leonardo D Vinci's "Codex Hammer," bought at an auction for a record \$30.8 million by Bill Gates, the billionaire chairman of Microsoft Corporation. The Leonardo Da Vinci Museum of Science and Technology, which displays copies of Da Vinci's drawings and models, said in a statement it was ideal for exhibiting the illustrated 16th-century manuscript of pre-modern science. Mr. Gates, the United States' richest person, was identified Saturday as the anonymous buyer of the "Codex Hammer," which predicted the invention of the submarine and the steam engine.

Galdar fined \$300 for calling Zhirinovsky fascist

MOSCOW (AFP) — Former Russian Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar was fined one million rubles (\$300) by a municipal court for calling ultra-nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinvosky a fascist, Interfax reported Tuesday. The judge, who confirmed an earlier ruling by a lower court, said Monday that Mr. Gaidar had insulted Mr. Zhirinovsky when he called him "the most popular fascist in Russia" in an article published in the daily Izvestia last May 17. Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose Liberal Democratic Party made a strong and surprising showing in legislative elections last December, is currently on a visit to the United States.

over two years.

Yeltsin promotes Middle East envoy

before taking up ambassadorships in Oman and Iraq.

Lebanon launches largest hospital

kilometre concession it holds on Socotra.

BEIRUT (R) - Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri in Beirut -on Tuesday laid the foundation stone for what will be Lebanon's largest hospital. Construction of the 500-bed government hospital and medical school, which is to cost \$80 million, will be financed by the Lebanese government, the Islamic Development Fund, and the Saudi Development Fund. Mr. Hariri said work would start "very soon" on the first phase of the project, which will be carried out -by a Saudi-Lebanese consortium at a cost of \$45 million

'MOSCOW (AFP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin's special envoy to the Middle East, Viktor Posuvalyuk, has been promoted to deputy foreign minister following Iraq's formal recognition of Kuwait, the ministry announced Tuesday. A career diplomat, Mr. Posuvalyuk played a key role in Russia's mediation with Baghdad — which formally recognised Kuwait last week, four years after invading the emirate. Mr. Posuvalyuk 54, worked in Yemen and Syria